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MOHLER-GARBER  
FAMILY HISTORY



# LUDWIG MOHLER

and

## HIS DESCENDANTS

In the line of his sons

HENRY, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania;

JACOB, of Cocalico Township, Lancaster County,  
Pennsylvania, to year 1795; of Jacob's grand-  
son

JOHN MOHLER, of Weyer's Cave, Augusta County,  
Virginia, treating particularly of the line  
through

MAGDALINE MOHLER, who became the wife of Martin,  
son of

LEVI GARBER, Bishop of Middle River Dunker  
Church of Augusta County, Virginia.

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IN AMERICA

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Monument erected in 1920 at grave of Ludwig Mohler, near  
Ephrata, Pennsylvania, by descendants of  
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## FOREWORD

The present form and completeness of this volume is due largely to the co-operation of Hon. J. C. Mohler, of Topeka, Kansas, whose generosity in the loan of invaluable records opened the way to making the research of the Pennsylvania Archives and securing the assistance of the several family genealogists.

My work was begun with the idea of establishing the line of John Mohler of Augusta County, Virginia, substantiated by the record of J. L. Mohler of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, back to Ludwig Mohler.

The rest of the Mohler history was a sealed book until the winter of 1920-21. The data recently secured only verified the accuracy of the records found in 1899 in Augusta County, Virginia.

I wish to thank Mr. C. M. Mohler, of Indiana, and Rev. Aaron Gibbel and Rev. Geo. Bucher of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who have become jointly interested in this compilation of the Ludwig Mohler records; also Judge M. C. Garber, B. A. Garber and others for their co-operation in the collaboration of this work which was begun simply to preserve the records of the Mohler-Garbers of the State of Nebraska.

I am greatly indebted to my University of Nebraska classmate of the Class of '02—and long time friend—Hon. Addison E. Sheldon, Ph. D., Superintendent of the Nebraska State Historical Society, for advice and assistance in my final research and compilation of records begun in 1897.





General Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma, 1921; should be rechartered Roselle Dunning Hospital. (See page 61.)

## INTRODUCTION

Silas Garber was governor of Nebraska from 1875 until 1879. Joseph Garber was a member of the Nebraska Constitutional Convention of 1875. These brothers were pioneers in the first settlement of the Republican Valley region. They were representatives of their section and leaders in the western Nebraska movement which shifted the political and social control of Nebraska from the border counties along the Missouri river westward. Their family history is, therefore, an interesting and important part of Nebraska history. The work of Cora Garber Dunning, daughter of Joseph Garber and niece of Governor Silas Garber, in compiling this pamphlet has been a labor of love and family pride. It has involved a large amount of research and correspondence. The Nebraska State Historical Society has been glad to encourage her and is glad to commend the results of her labor in the form of this monograph.

ADDISON E. SHELDON,  
June 20, 1921. Superintendent.

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Hon. Martin Mohler  
Secretary Kansas State Board of Agriculture 1888 to 1894. (See page 33.)

## LUDWIG MOHLER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Covering a period from

April 4, 1696 to May 1, 1921

While searching records in Chicago in 1897, the reading of a sketch of the once famous Weyer's Cave in Augusta County, Virginia, led to the name of J. L. Mohler of Grottoes P. O., Virginia, and resulted in the receipt of the following interesting letter in regard to the family connection.

*"Grottoes P. O., Augusta County, Va., August 15, 1898.*

*"Miss Cora A. Garber,  
Red Cloud, Nebraska.*

Dear Cousin:

"Your letter received a few days ago and I hasten to reply but fear I cannot give you the desired information. Some five or six years ago one J. L. Mohler, I think from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, visited the Cave (then in my charge but since sold to a company) who gave it the name of Grattoes, though I retained the farm around it. This Mohler having my same initials led me to enquire of him as you have of me, the family connections. When he returned home he sent me his family tree drawn on paper, which I loaned to your grandmother's sister, my aunt, Mrs. Gennie Raynes, then living but now dead, which paper must be with her effects as it was not returned to me. She lived with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Roberts, who lives about twenty miles from here. If I can find this paper I will send it to you, as it gives the family connections from Ludwig Mohler, who first came to this country, naming the vessel he sailed in which I think was the "Thesis" (memory tricked him) in 1730, who landed in Pennsylvania and from this head came the Mohler family in America, which is quite numerous. I can only give you now in this line what I know personally. My father, who died a few years ago, was Abraham Mohler and was born near where I now live, at Weyer's Cave. He and his brother, Jacob Mohler, were full brothers to your grandmother, Magdaline Mohler Garber, and their father, who died before I was born, was John Mohler, who came to this place from Pennsylvania. When his estate was settled up my Uncle Jacob got the Weyer's Cave and my father, Abraham Mohler, got the farm adjoining it. I knew of Magdaline Garber, Hettie Weade, Sallie Showalter, Ann Fitch, the youngest of all, were my father's sisters. Martin Garber and John Garber, if I am not mistaken, were sons of Magdaline Mohler Garber. Martin was to see us sometime before the war. I don't remember the year, and stayed with us several months. He was not married then, but am not sure—and I suppose you are his or John Garber's daughter. (I am the brother Joseph's daughter).

"As to the Garber family I can't give you any information about them except there are a good many in this County but I am not personally acquainted with any of them. I will try and look up the Mohler family tree and if I find it will send it to you.

"I was born in 1840 and the oldest son of Abraham Mohler, who was born in 1812. I take it that we are cousins and would like to hear from you again. You had best come in to see us and will do all I can to show you around to all our relations and no doubt you will have a pleasant time and learn more about our family connection and perhaps have your name changed also. You have quite a number

of relations living in this county on both sides, descendants of Mohlers and Garbers.

"Until I hear from you again I will make inquiry about the paper I spoke of.

"With best wishes, I am, very truly,

Your cousin,

J. L. MOHLER (living yet in 1921).

"P. S. Where did you get my name from?" (Ans. An article on Weyer's Cave found in the Chicago library.)

The above letter paved the way for the visit to Virginia in 1898 that resulted in this manuscript.

This part of the manuscript was secured by Cora A. Garber, nee Dunning, in a visit to Augusta County, Virginia, in 1898 to 1900. It was copied from original records and verified by personal investigation as to accuracy.

The tree mentioned above was found and the following is an exact copy as furnished by J. L. Mohler of Ephrata, Pa., to J. L. Mohler of Grottoes, Va.:

"Ludwig Mohler from the Swiss came with his family to America on the ship Thistle from Glasgow, Aug. 29, 1730. He was born April 4, 1696, and died Jan. 6, 1754—aged 57 yrs., 9 mo., 2 da.

1—Ludwig Mohler

2—Jacob Mohler

3—John Mohler

4—John Mohler (your grandfather—to J. L.—)

4—Daniel Mohler

4—Jacob Mohler (oldest child)

4—Henry Mohler has one daughter living.

3—Martin Mohler moved to Virginia when young.

step brothers to Jacob and sister.

3—Jacob Mohler, 1 sister.

2—Henry Mohler

3—Christian Mohler

3—Henry Mohler

3—John Mohler

3—Jacob Mohler

3—4 sisters.

2—George Mohler

3—3 daughters.

This record was not known to the Virginia line of John Mohler, until the visit to Weyer's cave disclosed the identity of names leading to the family discussion, and the union of the family links from the personal knowledge of the two men

of the John Mohler of Pa., who married and settled at Weyer's Cave, about 1800, connecting the *John Mohler, Jr.*, of 1794-5, of the Pennsylvania Muster Role, and the Conestoga Dunker Church Baptismal record of *John Mohler* and wife, 1794, with John Mohler at Weyer's Cave in 1800.

This also corroborated the family legend that John Mohler married in Pennsylvania and moved to Virginia.

### STUDY OF PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES

Series 3, Vol. 17, page 579 of the assessor's rolls of Cocalico township, made, as it seems by a house-to-house canvass, for the year 1779, gives:

	land	horses	cattle	slaves
John Mohler.....	130 acres	3	7	
	* * * *			
Mathias Mahler...			1	
	* * * *			
Martin Mohler....	100 acres	2	3	
John Mohler.....	100 acres	3	4	
	* * * *			
Henry Mohler....	150 acres	3	6	
	* * * *			
Jacob Mohler.....	200 acres	3	6	

The Martin and John, adjoining neighbors, must have been brothers, as this shows two "Johns" living in Cocalico township.

"Ephrata, Pa., April 11, 1921.

"Mrs. M. V. Dunning—In reply to your letter March 3rd, 1921, about tax payers, 1751,—first taxation. Before that time Province collected Quit rent. (Rupp's history says, page 470): 'Quit rent, a reserved rent in the grant of land by the Proprietary by payment of which the land holder was freed from other taxes.'

"All I know about Jacob, he was a land joiner to Henry Mohler; about George Mohler—who died at age of 72, Brumbaugh's History."

"The baptismal record of the Conestoga district shows: Ludwig Mohler and wife, 1738; Henry Mohler and wife, 1739; George Mohler and wife, 1739; Jacob Mohler and wife, 1742; Henry Mohler and wife, 1751; Jacob Mohler, 1765; Henry Mohler and wife, 1784; Henry Mohler and wife, 1794; John Mohler and wife, 1794." (Dunker records were never, in early days, accurately kept, so their value is relative.—Commentation.)

"The tax records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, show:

1751—George Mohler, Henry Mohler, and Jacob Mohler, taxpayers.

1759—Henry Mohler, Sr., Henry Mohler, Jr., and Jacob Mohler.

Very truly yours,

REV. AARON GIBBEL."

Ludwig Mohler came to America with his three sons.

Ludwig's family being the only one of the name in Lan-



caster County, Pa., it follows that George, Henry, and Jacob were the three sons brought to America with him.

Vol. 2, Page 356, Penn. Archives, relative to naturalization of foreigners of Dunker faith in a special list gives "Ludwick Mohler, Henry Mohler, Jacob Mohler admitted to full citizenship Apr. 1, 1761."

This, with the above tax record, goes to show that George Mohler had moved to another locality between 1751 and 1759, as his name never again occurs in records of Lancaster County, Pa.

Penn. Archives, Series II, Vol. 13, Page 465: "Names of persons who took oath of allegiance to State of Penn. in Cocalico Twp., 1777-1778: "Henry Mohler, Jacob Mohler, spelled here 'Mochler,' and Martin Mohler."

In searching the Pennsylvania archives at the library at the Capitol building, Lincoln, Nebr., for the muster roll of the organized forces of Lancaster County, Pa., during the period of the Revolutionary War, I find the Mohler men entered the service in 1778, in Captain Smuller's Company (Arch., Series 3, Vol. XXIII, P. 443, "*Militia in service in 1779*"), in the 3rd Battalion, comprising men between the ages of 18 and 53 years. In the Captain's report, on page 887, of Sixth Series, Vol. V, is recorded:

"Lieutenant John Mohler  
Jacob Mohler, 1st Class  
Henry Mohler, 3rd Class  
John Mohler, 3rd Class  
Martin Mohler, 6th Class  
John Mohler, 7th Class"

Pages 225, 256, 277, 279, 314, 317, 611, 886, 883, and 887, repeat the names with little variation, except that Andrew Reams (Riehm) became captain of the company and some other slight variation in organization, due to a period of years, took place.

Captain Smuller's Report for 1778, on page 883 Series VI., Vol V., gives:

"Lieutenant John Mohler  
Jacob Mohler, 1st Class  
Henry Mohler, 3rd Class  
John Mohler, 3rd Class  
Martin Mohler, 6th Class"

One report, page 314, for 1782 shows:

"Sargent Martin Mohler  
Jacob Mohler, 1st Class  
Henry Mohler, 3rd Class  
John Mohler, 3rd Class  
John Mohler, Jr., 3rd Class"

The report for 1789 adds the name of Christian Mohler. The report for 1795, Henry Ream, Cap't, gives:

Christian Mohler  
 Henry Mohler  
 John Mohler  
 Jacob Mohler, Jr.  
 John Mohler  
 John Mohler, Jr. (between 18-21)."

On page 889, occurs the name of Matheis Mohler, spelled "Mahler" previously in but one report. The report for 1779 shows two Johns.

The sons of Henry were known to be: Christian, Henry, John and Jacob. The sons of Jacob were known to be: John, Martin, and Jacob, by a second marriage, born Oct. 21, 1751. But it is evident from checking the above lists, that John, Henry, and later, Christian, sons of Henry, were on the rolls; and that John and Martin, sons of Jacob, were on the rolls. As there was but one Jacob on the rolls for a series of years, and he a man grown, which Jacob was he?

Rev. Aaron Gibbel, found on the original muster roles, at Lancaster, Pa., for the years 1779-80-81 --1779-80, John Mohler; 1780-81, Henry Mohler; 1780-81, Jacob Mohler; 1779-80, Martin Mohler, 1780, John Mohler; and 1780, John Jr., who must have been a mere boy, for he appears in each report until in that of 1795 occurs "John Mohler, Jr., (between 18-21 yrs.)." Rev. Gibbel also finds: "Matthias Mohler, 1779;"

Now, from all the different sources is found in regard to the "Johns": No trace of a John in Lancaster County, as descended from George, but a Hanes Mohler, 1779, and a Mathies, or Matthias, Mohler, Moller or Mahler, whose names probably were Mahler. There were two known "Johns" and a "John Jr. (between 18-21)".

Who was "John, Jr."? Jacob's son John had a son John, born April 5, 1772; Henry had a son John, whose son John was born Oct. 17, 1786; Jacob's son Jacob had a son John born May 6, 1779. The two last named are debarred from the series 1779 to 1795. Jacob's son John, Henry's son John, and Jacob's grandson John are the only John Mohlers, Jr., who could have been on the role of 1779, reciting the three Johns. The John, Jr., in 1795 described "(between 18-21)" accuracy makes Jacob's grandson John 23 years old, April 5, 1795; and the baptismal record gives "John Mohler and wife" in "1794":—could have been no other "John" than the one who dropped out from Ephrata, and settled at Weyer's Cave, Va., about 1789.

Who was "Jacob"? All tradition says that Jacob Mohler became an officer in the army and after the war, was completely lost sight of. As to who was Jacob of the series

from 1779-95, the letter of J. M. Mohler to his nephew, J. C. Mohler, recites:

"Our grandfather or your great grandfather was Jacob Mohler, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., A. D. 1771, June 30."

This and J. C.'s tree checks with the tree of J. L. Mohler, used as a basis for checking up Henry's lineage. The date eliminates this boy from the long service, as Jacob was, at the time of enlistment a man grown. But Ludwig—Jacob's son Jacob, born in 1751, Oct. 26, was 28 years old at that time, so it could be no other than he.

Now who was "Jacob, Jr. (between 18-21)" of the rolls of 1791-95? Again: Ludwig-Jacob-Jacob's son John was born May 6, 1779, and his son George, July 12, 1788, the son Jacob (C. M. Mohler's tree), younger than George, was not of the service of 1791. The only Jacob who could fill the description was the Jacob of the letter quoted, son of Henry.

Thus all the sons of Henry and all the sons of Jacob and Jacob's grandson John, served the government during the troublous times of the Revolution, though by nature and by religious belief (Dunkard) they were all strictly men of peace. This analysis accounts for every Mohler on the roles of Lancaster County, Pa., from 1779 to 1795.

Analyzing the baptismal record furnished by Rev. Gibbel again:	Another record:
Henry Mohler and wife.....1739	Henry Mohler .....1739
George Mohler and wife.....1739	George Mohler .....1739
Jacob Mohler and wife.....1742	George Mohler's wife.....1740
Henry Mohler and wife.....1751	Henry Mohler's wife.....1740
Jacob Mohler .....1765	
Henry Mohler and wife.....1784	
Henry Mohler and wife.....1794	
John Mohler and wife.....1794	

Ludwig's son Henry, born 1728, was too young to have been married 1739 (copies of Baptismal record vary and this record may have been replaced or reproduced from memory), but he could have been married according to the record 1751, as he was then 23 years old, and his son Henry was born Oct. 12, 1754. It is likely that Henry was baptized in 1739 and that the good old Elder who made the record simply wrote "and wife" after the name from force of habit. (Yet history shows that boys were married then at fourteen and girls at twelve.) Jacob Mohler, baptized 1765, was very likely the Jacob born in 1751.

Henry Mohler, son of Henry, born Oct. 21, 1754, could have been the Henry Mohler the record shows married in 1784, as his son Henry was born Jan. 14, 1786.

As Ludwig—Henry's son John Mohler had three sons and nine daughters, the son John, being born Oct. 17, 1786,—the son Henry could have been the one married in 1794.

This analysis of the various members of the Mohler family found on the records of Lancaster County, Pa., and always in the same locality, proves conclusively that the sons of *Ludwig Mohler* who were with him when he settled there were: *Jacob, Henry* and *George*. The record eliminates the son *George* between 1751-59. It shows further, that all of Henry's sons and all of Jacob's sons and his grandson John, Jr., served in the Revolution in the 3rd Battalion, Lancaster Co. Active Militia.

### FAMILY TREE OF JOHN MOHLER OF WEYER'S CAVE, VA.

The love of freedom of speech brought Ludwig Mohler to America. The family throughout its history has always been engaged, through public speaking or private effort, in community and social uplift. The Mohlers were a sturdy race, deeply imbued with the advanced religious ideals of the Swiss. With their tireless energy was united a modesty that forbade them leaving records of their personal achievements and as they lived before the days of much printed matter, tradition and family recital largely preserved their triumphs until they passed into the oblivion of forgetfulness,—as homes melted into passing generations,—leaving but a written skeleton record of the male descendants until the fourth generation beyond the grandsire Ludwig. But the Mohlers in every generation in America have been part and parcel of the brains and brawn that have gone into the development of the locality in which their lots were cast. When the British held Philadelphia the capital was at Lancaster, and the Mohlers lived in the center of Revolutionary activities; and the following quotation also shows them in politics. Harris, "History of Lancaster Co., Pa.," gives: "John Mohler was a member of legislature in year 1801-2." "Samuel Mohler was a member of legislature in year 1827."

1001—*Ludwig Mohler*, through line of *John* of Va.

2001—*Jacob Mohler*, the eldest son of Ludwig, married (1742, baptismal record,) and had issue, two sons, John, and Martin who visited Virginia when young. The mother of these sons died, and by a second marriage there was a son Jacob, b Oct. 24, 1751; d May 26, 1833, buried in Lancaster County, Pa.

3001—*John Mohler* was probably the oldest son of Jacob. He was in Captain Smuller's Co., 3rd Battalion, Lancaster County, Pa., Active Militia, (Pa. archives, Series VI, Vol. 7, page 887, in 1779,—page 883, in 1778). His issue was four sons: *Jacob, John, Daniel*, and *Henry Mohler*, who left one daughter. Only the *John* line has been followed.

4001—*John Mohler, Jr.*, of Weyer's Cave, Va., was also a member of Captain Ream's company, 3rd battalion, Lancaster county, active militia. He was born near Ephrata, Pa.,

April 5, 1772, served in the Penn. Militia during the war until 1795, was married about 1794, and moved to Virginia, settling in Augusta County, about 1800. He died April 17, 1835, at "Rose Hill", Rockbridge county, Va., while on a visit to his son Jacob's wife. He was buried in Falling Springs churchyard, Rockbridge County, Va.

John Mohler was a man of a cheerful disposition, possessing merry blue eyes, rather light hair, large features, and the air of a man accustomed to prosperity. He always wore drab clothes and rode a gray horse, which he sat with military dignity. He was not a church man, in a strict sense.

He married Magdaline Rinehart in Pa., a woman of great piety, noted for her industry and integrity, and for her beautiful black eyes, delicate features, and charming good nature. For many years she was a consistent member of the Dunker church. She was buried in the Middle River German Baptist or Dunkard Churchyard, in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1853, at the age of 75 years, 10 mo. and 16 das. Her grand-daughter, Martha Barnhart, many years later, erected a marble monument to her memory.

In a hill, on John Mohler's estate, was discovered in 1804, a limestone cavern, named from its finder, Weyer's cave.

Peyton's History of Augusta County, Va., published in 1882, p. 278, thus speaks of "Weyer's cave": "No language can describe the vastness and sublimity of some of the caverns, the exquisite beauty and grandeur of its innumerable apartments with their snowy white concretions of a thousand various forms. It is ranked among the great natural wonders of the world."

Naturally, soon after its discovery, Weyer's cave became one of the wonder spots of young America that attracted travel from both continents. Both scientists and "globe trotters" took their turn at "Weyer's" and the old Mohler mansion was turned into a country inn that was rivalled by none in Virginia in the cosmopolitan character of its guests, and the reputation of its cuisine. These Mohlers were slave holders; the cave and the inn produced abundant revenue and the Mohler family grew famous for the quality of their hospitality.

John Mohler's original home was a large structure of logs, which was abandoned for a commodious brick mansion of twenty-one rooms, as time passed, and the fame of Weyer's cave grew. The misty, dreamy Blue Ridge mountains full of game, the great house with its crackling open fireplaces, and its groaning tables, was indeed a retreat to fly to upon any pretext, for many years after the Civil War. It was the romance of the spot that drew the two J. L. Mohlers together to unite the family about 1895.

Perhaps it would be well at this point to explain the meaning of the numbers used in designating lines of descent. Starting with 1001—for Ludwig Mohler of the first generation—the succeeding thousand numeral indicates the number of the generation, while the final figure gives the order of succession in enumerating the members of each particular family, but does not necessarily denote order of succession in family by birth. It has not been possible to either ascertain or follow the order of birth succession in instances where there has been no actual Bible chronology.

COPY OF ORIGINAL RECORD FROM GERMAN  
BIBLE OF JOHN MOHLER, JR.

Cora Garber Dunning herself copied the record of the family of John Mohler and Magdaline Rinehart Mohler from the old German family Bible then in possession of his grandson, Dr. Henry Mohler, of Grattoes, Virginia.

"John Mohler and Magdaline Rinehart, had issue as follows:

"Hannah, b Dec. 11, 1800, married Beddows," (moved to Elkport, Iowa).

5005—"Magdaline, b Dec. 23, 1801, married Martin Garber," (moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio, then to Elkport, Iowa).

5003—(Jinny) "Christina, b Aug. 3, 1802, married J. G. H. Raines," d in Virginia.

5002—"Jacob, b Jan. 13, 1804, married Jane Grigsby."

5004—"(Hetty) Hester, b Aug. 4, 1805, married Henry Weade."

"Elizabeth, b July 3, 1807."

"Lydia, b July 3, 1809.

5001—"Abram, b Mch. 10, 1812, married Betsy Null.

"John, b Mch. 21, 1814. Died young.

"(Sally) Salome, b April 27, 1816, married Benjamin Showalter.

"Ann, b Sept. 12, 1818, married Erasmus Fitch," (moved to Elkport, Iowa).

All the women of the John Mohler, the second, line, even down to the year 1921, have been famous for the quality of their cooking. Not only the good old dames Mohler, of the Shenandoah Valley, but also their descendants have ever been famous for their poise of bearing, their charm and innate kindliness, their constructive community interest, and the largeness of their hospitality. Magdaline, as were her sisters, was cared for by her colored "mammy" in her tender years.

The strain of Dunkard religion has left a marked effect upon the character and lives of all the individuals of all generations of this family, whether they adhered to its tenets or not.

So far as is known, no member of either the Mohler or Mohler-Garber families has ever been convicted of crime or confined in an insane asylum. Divorce was unknown for generations, with only a rare case in the present days of marital discontent. This seems to have been the family ideal: "Better endure the ills you have than fly to those you know not of."

RECORD OF FOUR DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN MOHLER, JR.

5001—*Abram Mohler* was married to Betsy Null, b Sept. 20, 1811.

Upon the death of John Mohler, Abram inherited half of the estate of his father. The brother Jacob inherited the other half, containing the famous Weyer's Cave. Abram, later, acquired the part of the estate with the cave and maintained the family hospitality at the old mansion-house. During his lifetime the cave attained its greatest renown and the old brick mansion rang with merry laughter. But during the Civil War, Stonewall Jackson fought a number of famous battles near the old house and it, with the lawn, was turned into a field hospital where the wounded of both armies were cared for. It was on the line of Sheridan's march and was held by first one army and then the other.

As a hospital camp this was supposed to be a neutral spot, but, be it recorded, that Yankee soldiers entered the cave and did untold damage to that sacred landmark, and partly burned the old house and destroyed much of historic value to the old place. However, Abram Mohler, after the troublous days had passed, rebuilt the mansion with red brick, and it stands today (1900), preserved by J. L. Mohler as one of the beauty spots of the Shenandoah Valley, nestling at the foot of Cave Hill containing Weyer's Cave, soothed in its stately loneliness by the ceaseless babbling of the south fork of the Shenandoah River that frets past its windows, and lulled to peaceful slumber by the mournful call of the melancholy "whip-poor-will" when evening shadows fall.

This family freed their slaves just before the Civil War, sending those who wanted to go, to Ohio, but part of the number remained faithful to their "family" until death claimed them.

The issue of this union was:

6001—John Leonard Mohler, b July 19, 1840.

6002—Margaret Belinda Ann Mohler, b May 23, 1836.

6003—Henry Null Mohler, b July 15, 1844.

6004—Jacob Rinehart Mohler, b Sept. 20, 1847.

Edward Kemper Mohler, b Aug. 20, 1854, d 1881.

Betsy Mohler died Dec. 1, 1891, and her husband, Abram, died July 22, 1892, at Grottoes, Va.

6001—*John Leonard Mohler*, known as "Len," oldest son of Abram Mohler, never married. He was a man of brilliant parts, a student of the University of Virginia. His life was bound up in the life of Weyer's Cave, through which he acted as guide from his earliest childhood. During the Civil War he was in the Commissary Department of Stonewall Jackson's Army and was not far from the General when he fell. "Len's" colored valet attended "Mars Len" everywhere, even into the army and was shot by a Union bullet about the time Jackson fell.

6002—*Margaret Mohler* married William Kemper in 1856 and had a daughter, Fannie Kemper, born 1858. William Kemper was killed in battle in the Civil War.

7001—*Fannie Kemper* married Johnson, a Lieutenant Governor of West Virginia, in 1893, and had no issue.

6003—*Dr. Henry Mohler* was a college educated man who practiced medicine many years in the community about Weyer's Cave. In 1884 he married Elizabeth Percivale of Lynchburg, who was an accomplished musician. They had no issue.

6004—*Jacob Mohler*, son of Abram Mohler, was a farmer.



He married Gertrude Hester of Washington, D. C., in 1881. They live in a fine country mansion on a property adjoining the estate of the two brothers named above.

The issue of this line was:

7001—James William Mohler; 7002—Francis Kemper Mohler; 7003—Jacob R. Mohler.

These sons were in the World War in France and are now located in business in Washington, D. C., 1921.

7004—J. Addison Mohler; 7005—Olga P. Mohler, married J. G. Fulton, Jr., with issue: 8001—Olga Mohler Fulton; 8002—J. G. Fulton; 8003—J. Rupert Fulton.

7006—Gertrude Mohler; 7007—Maud Wheat Mohler.

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5002—*Jacob Mohler*, son of John Mohler, married Frances Grigsby, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth Porter Grigsby, March 30, 1834. Frances Mohler died May 6, 1848, at "Mountain Home," Page Co., Va. Jacob Mohler, following in the footsteps of his father, was a Colonel in the State Militia of Virginia before the Civil War. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas T. Guin, in Baltimore, January 22, 1880; was buried in Luray, Page Co., Va. The record of the Jacob Mohler line was compiled by Magdaline Mohler Guin in October, 1894.

Jacob and Frances Mohler had issue:

John Trimble Mohler, b Sept. 9, 1835; d Aug. 30, 1859.

6001—Elizabeth Hawkins Mohler, b Oct. 10, 1837.

6002—Elisha Grigsby Mohler, b Nov. 18, 1838.

6003—Magdaline Rinehart Mohler, b Feb. 12, 1841.

6004—Frances Jane Mohler, b Feb. 14, 1843.

Abraham Weaver Mohler, b Apr. 4, 1844; killed at Chancellorsville, on May 3, 1863.

6005—David Guin Mohler, b Dec. 29, 1846.

6001—*Elizabeth Hawkins Mohler* was born at Weyer's Cave; married Isaac Long, Jr., at Mountain Home, Page Co., Va., Nov. 19, 1856; has issue:

(7001)—Jacob Ernest Long, b Sept. 1, 1857.

(7002)—M. Lavice Long, b Oct. 6, 1860.

Linda Frances Long, b Mch. 9, 1863; d Sept. 5, 1864.

Loula Latrote Long, b Nov. 30, 1864.

(7003)—Isaac Trimble Long, b May 16, 1866.

Bessie Mohler Long, b May 29, 1868;

Fannie Blair Long, b Nov. 11, 1869.

David Grigsby Long, b July 16, 1871.

(7004)—Maggie May Long, b May 3, 1874.

James Carroll Long, b Mch. 9, 1876.

Thomas Guin Long, b Feb. 14, 1882.



7001—*Jacob Ernest Long* was born at Riversdale, Page Co., Va., married Nancy Morris Watson of Green Spring Valley, Albemarle Co., Va., on November 26, 1890. There was no issue.

7002—*Lavice Long* married M. Harvey Seibert of Sedalia, Mo., at East Belmont, Albemarle Co., Va., June 30, 1892; had issue: 8001—Ernest Long Seibert, b in Sedalia, Mo., Mch 21, 1894, killed in the World War, leaving issue: 9001—Henry Lyell Seibert and 9002—Lawrence Seibert.

7003—*Isaac Trimble Long* married Ada White, daughter of Colonel Elija Veers White, of Leesburg, Loudon Co., Va., Dec. 15, 1892; had issue: 8001—Inez Elizabeth Long, born in Leesburg, Va., Oct. 6, 1893.

7004—*Maggie May Long* was a noted musician.

6002—*Elisha Grigsby Mohler*, born at Weyer's Cave, was educated at the Virginia Military Institute and was Major General on Gen. Maury's staff in 1862. He married Loula Goodman, daughter of Duke W. Goodman of Mobile, Ala., on May 25, 1864. They had issue:

(7001)—Carrie Lee Mohler, b Dec. 19, 1865.

(7002)—Bessie Long Mohler, b April 25, 1867.

(7003)—Duke Goodman Mohler, b Dec. 31, 1869.

(7004)—Ruby Bell Mohler, b Aug. 2, 1871.

(7005)—Loulu Mohler, b Apr. 16, 1873.

(7006)—Eugene Williams Mohler, b Oct. 19, 1874; d July 20, 1875.

(7007)—Elisha Grigsby Porter Mohler, b Apr. 16, 1876.

(7008)—David Lyell Mohler, b Aug. 20, 1878.

(7009)—John Trimble Mohler, b Dec. 4, 1879.

(7010)—Maggie Genevieve Mohler, b Aug. 13, 1881.

(7011)—James Allen Mohler, b July 9, 1884; d Aug. 9, 1885.

(7012)—Jacob Ernest Mohler, b Nov. 29, 1887.

7001—*Carrie Lee Mohler* was born in Mobile, Ala.; married Lawrence Avara of Miss. on Oct. 30, 1888; had issue:

8001—Bessie Louise Avara, b Aug. 13, 1889; 8002—Genevieve Avara, b Jan. 20, 1892; 8003—Claud Bartram Avara, b June 1, 1893.

7002—*Bessie Long Mohler*, born in Corinth, Miss., married Wirtar C. Breckenridge of Miss., May 30, 1888; had issue:

8001—Carrie Bell Breckenridge, b Apl. 6, 1889; 8002—Mamie Duke Breckenridge, b May 6, 1891; 8003—Mohler Gibson Breckenridge, b Mch. 20, 1893.

7003—*Duke Goodman Mohler*, b in Miss.; was graduated in medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1894.

6003—*Magdaline Rinehart Mohler*, daughter of Jacob Mohler, was born at Weyer's Cave; married Thomas Thornton Guin of Alexandria, Va., at Riversdale, Page Co., Va., Jan. 1, 1868; had issue:

7001—Fannie Grigsby Guin, b Sept. 20, 1868; d Mch. 6, 1871.

7002—Jacob Mohler Guin, b February 26, 1870.

7003—Mary Ella Guin, b June 9, 1871; teacher.

7004—Thomas Thornton Guin, b Feb. 19, 1873; in Government employ.

7005—Bettie Long Guin, b June 20, 1877; married Farinholt; lives in Baltimore, Md.

7006—William Francis Guin, b Aug. 16, 1880; is a business man in Seattle, Wash.

Thos. Thornton Guin was adjutant of a battalion under Capt. Triplett of the C. S. A. in 1862-3.

6004—*Frances Jane Mohler*, born at Weyer's Cave, married Richard H. Lyell of Lyellton, Richmond Co., Va., on Feb. 24, 1886; had no issue.

6005—*David Guin Mohler*, married Laura Lyell of Baltimore, Oct. 10, 1878. They had issue:

7001—John Samuel Mohler, b July 6, 1879.

7002—Arthur Douglas Mohler, b Aug. 9, 1881.

*David Guin Mohler* served in Gen. Van Dorn's army in 1862, died in Washington, D. C., where he had made his home for about twenty-five years, about 1916, during time of Confederate reunion there, and was buried with honors in Arlington Cemetery. He was a fighter, a student, a business man, and a man of much charity who was idolized by all the small boys and needy in his community. Washington papers mentioned many of his fine qualities, and mourned his passing.

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"Baltimore, Md., April 22, 1921.

"Dear Cousin Cora: My mother, Magdaline Rinehart Mohler Guin, is eighty-one years old and a very great sufferer from rheumatism. \* \* \* I am loaning you, by registered mail, the record my mother compiled years ago. \* \* \*

"Cordially yours,

"ELIZABETH GUIN FARINHOLT."

By this was checked the foregoing record in May, 1921.

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5003—*Christina J. Mohler*, born at Weyer's Cave, Va.; married James G. H. Raynes April 3, 1821; was a member of the German Baptist Church; had issue:

6001—Sarah A. Raynes, b Jan. 22, 1822; 6002—John Prenby Raynes, b Feb. 24, 1824, d Nov., 1835; 6003—Archibald G. Raynes, b April 1, 1826.

6001. *Sarah A. Raines* married William B. Roberts, Oct. 19, 1848; had issue:

7001—Sarah Jane Roberts, b May 11, 1850; 7002—Cornelia Frances Roberts, b Sept. 5, 1852; 7003—Martha Josephine Roberts, b Sept. 17, 1845; 7004—Lucy Agnes Roberts, b Aug. 8, 1858, d Aug. 6, 1892.

6003. *Archibald G. Raynes*, married Frances Perkins; had issue: 7001—James G. Raynes; 7002—Laura Virginia Raynes, married Phillip Eakle and had one daughter (8001), Avis Eakle; 7003—Sallie E. Raynes; 7004—John H. Raynes; 7005—Robert P. Raynes; 7006—Archie M. Raynes.

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5004. *Hester Mohler*, b at Weyer's Cave; married Henry Weade, 1824; had issue:

6001—*Martha Ann Weade*, b July 28, 1825; B. Franklin Weade, b Mch. 2, 1827; Mary Louisa Weade, b May 30, 1830; John Mohler Weade, b 1832; 6002—*Henry Charles Weade*, b June 29, 1836; Frances Jane Weade, b Mch. 12, 1838; Sarah Margaret Weade, b Mch. 7, 1847.

6001—*Martha A. Weade*, born in Augusta Co., Va.; married Gideon Barnhart of Augusta Co., Mch. 13, 1845; had issue:

7001—*Hettie Jane Barnhart*, b Mch. 30, 1850; 7002—*Mary Magdaline Barnhart*, b May 15, 1852; 7003—*Betsy B. Barnhart*, b April 1, 1854; 7004—*Henry George Barnhart*, b May 26, 1860.

In 1899 *Martha Barnhart* still had one of the pair of gray geese her mother gave her for a wedding present.

7001—*Hetty J. Barnhart* married Newton Patterson of Augusta County, Feb. 12, 1874, had issue:

8001—*Mattie Craig Patterson*, b Feb. 6, 1875; 8002—*William Frank Patterson*, b Jan. 1, 1877; 8003—*Harry Barnhart Patterson*, b Mch. 30, 1881; 8004—*Mary Betty Patterson*, b Jan. 4, 1883.

7002. *Mary Magdaline Barnhart*, married Andrew Borden of Augusta Co., Va. They had no issue. Andrew Borden was a direct descendant of Levi Garber, whose daughter, Ann Garber Coffman, was Andrew Borden's grandmother. His second wife was, as above, (8001) *Mattie Craig Patterson*.

7003. *Betsy B. Barnhart*, married Newton C. Watts of Staunton, Va., May 20, 1875; had issue:

8001—*Alma Loula Watts*, b Oct. 5, 1881; 8002—*Augusta Leta Watts*, b May, 1884; 8003—*Mary Davis Watts*, b Aug. 17, 1888.

Newton Watts was High Sheriff of Augusta Co., Va., in 1899-1900.

7004. *Henry George Barnhart*, married Frances Gentry, May 10, 1882; had issue:

8001—*Walter Wilson Barnhart*, b June 5, 1883; 8002—*George Gray Barnhart*, b Oct. 29, 1885; 8003—*Laura Ruth Barnhart*, b July 6, 1888; 8004—*Anna Barnhart*, b Sept. 14, 1890; 8005—*Myrtle Victoria Barnhart*, b Oct. 9, 1892; 8006—*Ludwig Mohler Barnhart*, b Oct. 8, 1894; and others later.

6002. *Henry C. Weade*, a graduate in medicine, widely known as Dr. Weade, had two daughters, *Martha* (7001), who married Colner, and *Mary* (7002), who married a Lutheran Minister, Charles Alexander Marks, January 18, 1911, with issue, a son (8001), Charles Alexander Marks, b April 5, 1912.

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This completes my record of the line of John Mohler of Grottoes or Weyer's Cave, Virginia, except that of the descendants of (5005) *Magdaline Mohler Garber*, his daughter, who are enumerated under the line of *Bishop Levi Garber*, whose son *Martin* she married.

## DISCUSSION OF PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY RECORDS

In my research during the winter of 1920-21, I found several Mohlers working on a family record and some confusion in regard to the immediate descendants of Jacob Mohler, who, except his son Jacob, buried in Mohler's Cemetery, had, after the Revolutionary War, dropped out of the Dunkard community in Lancaster Co., Pa. So then I began an exhaustive research in order to secure accurate history of all the early Mohlers, with results previously stated.

The following letter shows the interest taken in this subject by other members of the Mohler family who live in Lancaster Co., Pa. The Pennsylvania Mohlers are all very conservative Dunkards, who live by tradition rather than by



public records. The Mohler meeting-house and the Mohler cemetery date back to the days of Ludwig Mohler, and their tenacity of clanship is not broken even through the female lines, and long separation, as this collaborated record of widely separated lines bears witness.

"Lititz, Pa., March 21, 1921.

"Mrs. M. V. Dunning,

"Dear Madam:—In answer to your letter of December 9th, 1920, I went to work to find out what I could, as I have been anxious myself to know of Ludwig Mohler.

"Among all the records I found pertaining to Ludwig Mohler's sons, I found three different family trees. Some give their names as George, Henry and Jacob, others, John, Henry and Jacob. All the baptismal records state that George, Henry and Jacob Mohler were baptized before 1742. The Church record does not state whose sons they were, but we cannot find record of any other Mohlers who were here before that date.

"I remember John L. Mohler well. I visited him often in Ephrata. He was a Deacon of the Church, and I too, so we often came together

to labor with each other. He had a family tree, and claimed his tree was the best. He died a good many years ago, but was still living in 1898.

"My brother, Cyrus R. Gibbel, of Brunnersville, was present when John L. Mohler of Ephrata met John L. Mohler of Grottos, Virginia. I was in the Weyer Cave (formerly known as Mohler's Cave) three years ago, and brother Cyrus was there later when he visited the old gentleman.

"John L. Mohler, of Ephrata, was married and had two daughters. One was married to S. L. Weaver and has two sons and one daughter; the other remained single. Both are dead. John Weaver, son of S. L. Weaver, took the family tree to the Ohio reunion some years ago, and the Ohio folks got up that blue print, largely from it.

"I saw a book of ship's records lately, of immigrants who landed in Philadelphia, containing upwards of 30,000 names. Under date of October 7th, 1749, I found that Heinrich (Henry) Mohler came to America and landed at Philadelphia. Palatines from Mannheim and Zweibruecken, ship Leslie, J. Balledium, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, with 450 passengers. August 29, 1730, Palatines with their families, 260 persons, came in ship "Thistle" of Glasgow, Colin Dunlop, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. Only Ludwig Mohler, the head of the family, registered. Where Henry Mohler, who came to America in 1749, settled I do not know.

"You asked about Ludwig Mohler's estate. We have looked over the records in Lancaster City, but found none. On making a deeper search we could find no record that Ludwig Mohler ever owned any real estate. His son, Henry, however, got his first Land Patent or Deed from the Penns in 1735. That was five years after they came to America. In 1745, he took his second Land Patent or Deed. In hunting up records, we find that a good many of the immigrants did not take up land, but their sons did. Looking back we often imagine that they were well fixed financially, but we find in many cases that the reverse is true.

"Who has Ludwig Mohler's old family Bible I do not know. I have made search as far as I could, but have not found any trace of it.



Only by tradition I learn that John Mohler, of Ephrata, is living in this house where the original Ludwig Mohler is said to have lived.

"As to the Conestoga Church District about which you inquired, it was at first one-half of eastern part of Lancaster County. Now it is divided into smaller districts. The Elders, or Bishops, keep the baptismal records.

"I asked one of the County Commissioners, and he said they have records of the first taxpayers in Lancaster County. I will find out from these the

Built in 1764  
names of the Mohlers and their dates.

"Very truly yours,

"REV. AARON GIBBEL."

At this point the record returns to the tree furnished by J. L. Mohler of Ephrata, Pa. (he of the letter), about 1895:

"1—Ludwig Mohler

2000—*Jacob* Mohler

3001—John (of the Grottoes line).

3002—Martin (of Revolutionary note).

3003—half brother Jacob.

3004—Half sister.

3003—Jacob No. 2, had issue one son, (4001) Jacob,  
and one daughter," (end of this record).

The Blue Print furnished by Hon. J. C. Mohler of Kansas  
shows:

"1—Ludwig Mohler

2—Jacob Mohler

3—Jacob, b Oct. 26, 1751; d Mch. 26, 1833—age  
81 yrs., 5 mo.; married Maria Bucher and  
had issue:

4—John, b May 6, 1779; d Feb. 4, 1851—age 76  
yrs., 8 mo., 29 da. (5 sons as below).

4—George Bucher, b July 12, 1788; d Dec. 22,  
1866—age 78 yrs., 5 mo., 10 da., (ends  
record).

The tree furnished by Rev. Geo. Bucher of Quarrysville,  
Pa., gives:

"1—Ludwig Mohler

2—Jacob Mohler

3—Jacob Mohler

4—George Bucher Mohler

4—John Mohler

5—Elias;

5—Emanuel;

5—Jacob;

5—George;

5—William."

The Blue Print of C. M. Mohler of Indiana gives:

"1—Ludwig Mohler

(Elides Jacob Mohler No. 1)

2—Jacob; married Maria Bucher

3—John;

3—George;

3—Mrs. Hexley;

3—Mrs. Shirk;

3—Mrs. Dorabach;

3—Mrs. Mohler;

3—Jacob, b Oct. 26, 1751; d. Mch. 26, 1833—age  
82 yrs., 7 mo. Married Elizabeth Downs  
with issue two sons and three daughters."

The tree furnished by Rev. Aaron Gibbel states:

- "1—Ludwig Mohler
- 2—Jacob Mohler
- 3—John Mohler.
- 3—George Mohler."

The first three trees coincide and check up with the Revolutionary rolls, for the sons of the Jacob line, viz: the succession given in the beginning on the tree secured from Virginia in 1898.

The C. M. Mohler tree checks very accurately in the line of Henry, but needs correcting in the line of Jacob.

The following letter gives the history of the sources used in the formation of the C. M. Mohler blue print, showing that the subject of the "Jacob" line was very superficially worked out:

"Detroit, Mich., Feby 9, 1921.

"Mrs. M. V. Dunning—I enclose a copy of my family tree and think it nearly correct. The early portion of my tree was given me by my uncle, Rev. S. S. Mohler, and by Rev. Christian Bucher. Christian Bucher lived until three years ago and I corresponded much with him via his daughter, he being totally blind at the time. \* \* \*

(In another letter he states): "Mr. Bucher died about six years ago at the age of 98. His grandfather is a grandson of Ludwig Mohler. Mr. Bucher lived his entire life at Lebanon, Pa., which is near Ephrata, both in Lancaster County, therefore he possessed accurate knowledge of the early history of the Mohlers. \* \* \*

"Very truly,  
"C. M. MOHLER."

Mr. Mohler makes no claim for his work that he searched public records by which to check up his findings in regard to the first Mohlers in order to prove the truth of various traditions. He says also in his letters that he read Brumbaugh's "History of the Brethren Church" superficially, and it was thus he arrived at relationships in the Jacob line of succession. He regards *George* casually as the brother of Ludwig and by the elimination of Jacob No. 1, substitutes his son *John* for *George*, son of Ludwig.

*C. M. Mohler's branch as to daughters of Henry Mohler.*

- 1001—*Ludwig Mohler*
- 2002—*Henry Mohler*, b Apr. 20, 1728; d Jan. 20, 1774.
- 3001—Christian Mohler;
- 3002—Henry Mohler;
- 3003—John Mohler;
- 3004—Jacob Mohler;
- 3005—Mrs. Dr. Benedict Bucher (Susan);
- 3006—Mrs. Martin Keller (Salome);
- 3007—Mrs. Zug or Zook (Jacob);
- 3008—Mrs. Herr;
- 3009—Mrs. Mary Phouts.

The J. C. Mohler tree has a limb called "Gage" and no "Zug or Zook," and one called "Spanty." Rev. Bucher's "Mrs. Pfantz."

Rev. Gibbel's tree notes: Henry Mohler had four daughters and gives no "Mrs. Herr", but gives Mary Mohler Pfantz.

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# DESCENDANTS OF HENRY MOHLER OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENN.

3001—*Christian Mohler* had issue as follows:

4001—Jacob Mohler; 4006—Esther Huber; 4011—Mary Sollenberger;  
4002—Martin Mohler; 4007—Martha Rencel; ger;  
4003—Samuel Mohler; 4008—Barbara Miller; 4012—Catherine Gleim;  
4004—Christian Mohler; 4009—Margaret Mohler 4013—Elizabeth Fetter;  
4005—Joseph Mohler 1010—Sarah Shearer or 4014—Nancy Schwartz;  
Sollenberger; 4015—Susan Mohler;

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3002—*Henry Mohler*, b Oct. 21, 1754; d May 12, 1833; had issue as follows:

4001—John Mohler, b June 7, 1783; d Mch. 19, 1858. 4002—Henry Mohler, b Jan. 14, 1786; d Aug. 19, 1845. 4003—Samuel Mohler; 4004—Molly Vogan; 4005—Elizabeth Ulrich.

4002—*Henry 3rd*, b Jan. 14, 1786; d Aug. 19, 1845, had issue:

5001—Allen Mohler, minister; 5002—Samuel Mohler; 5003—Simon Mohler, and

5004—*John L. Mohler*, who d in 1898, leaving issue two daughters, —6001—Marada; 6002—Rebecca Weaver. This is the John L. Mohler who visited the Weyer's Cave and furnished the tree so often mentioned, as a basis of checking. 5005—David Mohler.

5006—Mrs. Eliza Norst or Horst; 5007—Rebecca Mohler; 5008—Mrs. Hannah Overholzer; 5009—*Mrs. Lydia Koenigsmacher*, mother of 6001—*Anna Koenigsmacher*, wife of the late Governor M. G. Brumbaugh of Pa.

4003—*Samuel Mohler* had issue:

5001—Elhanon Mohler; 5002—Richard Mohler; 5003—Jeremiah Mohler; and (5004—Henry on the J. L. tree).

(This line ends here.)

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3003—*John Mohler*, d Nov. 11, 1821—age 65 yrs.; son of Henry I., had issue:

4001, Daniel Mohler; 4002, Henry Mohler; 4003, John Mohler, b Oct. 17, 1786; d Feb. 18, 1865, had son, 5002—*Cyrus*, b Jan. 18, 1819; d Mch. 6, 1863. 4004—Susan Reigle; 4005—Hannah Landis; 4006—Esther Royer; 4007—Lizzie Fass; 4008—Annie Weist; 4009—Mariah Merkel; 4010—Catherine Sherick or Shirk; 4011—Sarah Elchols; 4012—Mrs. Studebaker.

4001—*Daniel Mohler* had issue: 5001—John, wife Mary Mohler; 5002—Solomon; 5003—Jacob.



5002—*Solomon Mohler* married *Sarah Snavelly*, had issue: 6001—*Elizabeth Rupp*; 6002—*Henry S.*; 6003—*Annetta Enck*; 6004—*Mary Miller*.

6002—*Henry S. Mohler* married *Eliza A. Byers*, had issue: 7001—*Solomon*; 7002—*J. Frank*—wife, *Bessie Spensler*; 7003—*Alex B.*; 7004—*Sarah V. Brenner*; 7005—*M. Grant*; 7006—*Minnie Holler*.

7005—*M. Grant Mohler* married *Mattie Andrews*, had issue: 8001—*Helen*; 8002—*Harry*; 8003—*Paul*.

4003—*John Mohler* had issue: 5001—*Reuben*; 5002—*Cyrus*; 5003—*Levi*; 5004—*Isaac*; 5005—*Samuel*; 5006—*Anna*; 5007—*Sally*; 5008—*John*.

5001—*Reuben Mohler* had issue: 6001—*Samuel*; 6002—*Adam*; 6003—*John*; 6004—*Milton*; 6005—*Morris*.

5002—*Cyrus Mohler*, b Jan. 18, 1819; d Mch. 6, 1863, had issue: 6001—*Monroe*; 6002—*Catherine*; 6003—*Emma*; 6004—*Mary*; 6005—*Susan*.

5003—*Levi Mohler* had issue: 6001—*John B.*; 6002—*Elizabeth*; 6003—*Frannah*.

5004—*Isaac Mohler* had issue: 6001—*Jacob*; 6002—*Falrus*; 6003—*Mary*.

5005—*Samuel Mohler* had issue: 6001—*Nathan*; 6002—*Martha*; 6003—*Polly*.

4006—*Esther Mohler* married *John Royer*, had issue: 5001—*Elizabeth*, married *Rev. Gibbel*, had issue: 6001—*Aaron R. Gibbel*—an *Elder*—had issue: 7001—*Ada M. Hess*, had issue: 8001—*Edna G. Hess*; 7002—*Clayton M. Gibbel*, had issue: 8001—*Levi B. Gibbel*; 8002—*Harry B. Gibbel*, and 8003—*Kathryn B. Gibbel*.

4012—*Rebecca Mohler* married *John Studebaker*, a blacksmith who dwelt near Gettysburg, Pa. They moved to South Bend, Indiana, 1851; had issue: 5001—*Jacob F. Studebaker*; 5002—*Mariah Studebaker*; 5003—*Rebecca Studebaker*; 5004—*Peter Studebaker*; 5005—*John Mohler Studebaker*; 5006—*Clement Studebaker*; 5007—*Elizabeth Witwer*; 5008—*Henry Studebaker*; 5009—*Sallie Welsh*; 5010—*Nancy Lucas*.



5005—*John Mohler Studebaker*, many years President of the *Studebaker Corporation* at South Bend, Indiana, was a self-made man, who conceived a great idea in a country blacksmith shop.

He built his first wagon in the spring of 1853 and five years later he and his brothers entered upon a business career that has been closely identified with the constructive development of American industry. He was a modest man, never seeking the limelight of political advancement, rather preferring to bury himself with his business enterprises and his private charities. His dealings with his fellow man were strongly tinged by his Dunkard heritage, although he professed the Presbyterian faith. He was born Oct. 10, 1833, died Mch., 1917; married *Mary J. Stull*, Jan. 2, 1860. Their children were: 6001—*Mrs. H. D. Johnson*; 6002—*Mrs. F. S. Fish*; 6003—*J. M. Studebaker*.

5007—*Mrs. Elizabeth Witwer* had issue: 6001—John S. Witwer; 6002—Frances Sell; 6003—Leah Kopsch; 6004—Ada Mohler; 6005—T. W. Witwer; 6006—George Mohler Witwer; 6007—Clem S. Witwer; 6008—Edwin C. Witwer; 6009—J. Frank Witwer; 6010—Harvey E. Witwer.

6001—*John S. Witwer* had issue: 7001—Ella A. Clairbourne; 7002—Walter C. Witwer; 7003—Louise Pierson; 7004—John W. Witwer.

6002—*Frances Sell* had issue: 7001—George W. Sell; 7002—Clement J. Sell.

6003—*Leah Kopsch* had issue: 7001—Anna Elizabeth Kopsch.

6004—*Ada Mohler* had issue: 7001—Leah F. Whitmore; 7002—Floyd W. Mohler; 7003—Merle G. Mohler; 7004—Mary R. Mohler.

6005—*T. W. Witwer* had issue: 7001—John H. Witwer; 7002—Elizabeth Witwer; 7003—George R. Witwer; 7004—Frances L. Witwer.

6006—*George Mohler Witwer*, who is a member of the Studebaker Corporation, had issue: 7001—Anna Violet Witwer; 7002—George Mohler Studebaker Witwer.

6007—*Clem S. Witwer* had issue: 7001—Andrew H. S. Witwer.

6008—*Edwin C. Witwer* had issue: 7001—Sarah Gertrude Witwer; 7002—Edwin Chester Witwer.

6010—*Harvey E. Witwer* had issue: 7001—Lathrop Witwer; 7002—Harvey E. Witwer.

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3004—*Jacob Mohler*, son of Henry I., b in Lancaster Co., Pa., June 30, 1771; d Jan. 29, 1833; married Mary Bollinger and had issue:

4001—John Mohler; 4002—Rudolph Mohler—a Bishop; 4003—Samuel Mohler—a Bishop; 4004—Jacob Mohler; 4005—Mrs. Smith; 4006—Mrs. Solenberger.

4001—*John Mohler* had issue: 5001—Reuben Mohler; 5002—Solomon Mohler; 5003—Saloma Mohler; 5004—Hannah Mohler; 5005—Elizabeth Mohler; 5006—Mary Mohler; 5007—Joanna Mohler.

4002—*Rudolph Mohler* was twice married. His first wife, Susannah Bowman, bore: 5001—William Mohler; 5002—Mary Croft; 5003—Ephriam Mohler. His second wife, Sarah Weaver, bore: 5004—Henry Mohler; 5005—Jacob Mohler; 5006—Sarah Deeter; 5007—Susan Shellabarger; 5008—John M. Mohler; 5009—Samuel Mohler; 5010—Rudolph Mohler; 5011—Daniel Mohler; 5012—Joseph Mohler; 5013—Hannah Deeter.

4003—*Samuel Mohler* married Catherine Saylor; had issue: 5001—Isaac Mohler; 5002—Jacob S. Mohler; 5003—John S. Mohler; 5004—Martin S. Mohler; 5005—Rev. S. S. Mohler; 5006—Levi S. Mohler; 5007—George Mohler; 5008—Mary Hart; 5009—Hannah Fox; 5010—Rudolph Mohler; 5011—Margaret Rarlach; 5012—Elizabeth Andes.

5004—*Martin S. Mohler* married Elizabeth Mikesell; had issue: 6001—Alice Mohler; 6002—C. M. Mohler, who made the defective Blue Print; 6003—James M. Mohler; 6004—Walter Mohler; 6005—Millie Mohler; 6006—Jennie Mohler; 6007—Lulu C. Pentecost.

6002—*C. M. Mohler* married Mary A. Culp; had issue: 7001—Eva Mohler; 7002—Delmar Mohler; 7003—Lawson Mohler; 7004—Lawrence E. Mohler; 7005—Bernona Mohler; 7006—Oren C. Mohler; 7007—James B. Mohler.

7002—*Delmar Mohler* married Ruth Allen; had issue: 8001—Mary Mohler.

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Mr. C. M. Mohler deserves the greatest credit for his unselfish efforts to unite the Mohler descendants. His work involved great labor and expense to himself, and was purely unselfish in its aim.

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4004—*Jacob Mohler*, b Aug. 25, 1802; d Mch. 7, 1889; married Sarah Rothrock; had issue.

5001—John M. Mohler; 5002—Martin Mohler; 5003—Joseph Mohler; 5004—Barbara Mohler; 5005—Sarah Howe; 5006—Mary Bashore; 5007—Susan Miller, lived many years at McPherson, Kansas; one son (6001), Harrison J. Miller, banker, lives at Hinton, Oklahoma. 5008—Ann Kearns; 5009—Hannah Mohler.

## THE MOHLERS OF KANSAS



Hon. Jacob Christian Mohler, Secretary  
Kansas State Board of Agriculture  
July 1, 1914 to ———.

5002—"Hon. Martin Mohler, former secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., Mch. 20, 1830; died at Topeka, Kas., Mch. 20, 1903; graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., located in Osborne County, Kas., in 1871, secured a half section of land, which he improved so that the passers-by in those early days were attracted to it; held several positions of trust in the county; was elected Secretary of State Board of Agriculture in 1888 and twice re-elected. During his regime as secretary he realized that methods in Kansas farming required many changes, so he untiringly applied himself to the study of soils, seeds, and seasons, suggesting many improved methods that have helped to make Kansas one of the best agricultural states in the Union. The sixth biennial report issued under his direction, was awarded a medal and diploma at the Paris Exposition in 1889, as the best of its kind in the world. A man entitled to this recognition has not lived in vain.—R. R. Hays." Condensed from fourteenth Bien. Report, Kas. St. Bd. of Agr.

Martin Mohler had issue:

6001—*Laura A. Mohler* married Rev. H. C. Buell, moved to California.

6002—*Margaret L. Mohler* married W. A. Nelswanger of Topeka, Kansas.

6003—*Frank Mohler* graduated from Washburn College at Topeka and afterward attended Oxford, England, for three years as a Cecil Rhodes scholar from Kansas. He married a Kansas girl and is a Y. M. C. A. missionary in Hong Kong, China (1914).

6004—*Jacob C. Mohler* married Ruth McClintic, daughter of Dr. J. C. McClintic, of Topeka, in 1901; with issue: 7001—*John McClintic Mohler*, b 1905; 7002—*James Calhoun Mohler*, b 1908; 7003—*Marcia Mohler*, b 1912.

"Lewistown, Pa., August 3, 1905.

"J. C. Mohler,

"My Dear Nephew,—This has been a good while coming. On my way home from Bristol, Tenn., I called to see some of the Mohlers in Lancaster County. Also visited the cemetery where Ludwig Mohler was buried about 175 years ago. The epitaph on the sandstone of that day is as follows:

"Ludwig Mohler came from Switzerland in ship Thistle from Glasgow, to America A. D. 1730, Aug. 29. Was born April 4, 1696, died Jan. 6, 1754, aged 57 years 9 mo. 2 da. Wife of Ludwig Mohler born May 22, 1698; died Dec. 23, 1772, aged 74 years 4 mo. 17 da."

"When Ludwig Mohler came to America he took up 1600 acres of land." (Records do not verify this legend, but do show that at Henry's death he left a large land holding which is mapped in a volume of the Pa. archives covering forfeitures and estates in about 1775. Series 3, Vol. 24, p. 482, shows that Henry Mohler received a land patent to 70 acres, June 12, 1751.) "And the old homestead has never been out of the Mohler name. He settled in Lancaster county. His old native home is about one mile from the town of Ephrata. It is an amazingly wealthy country." (Says C. M. Mohler, writing about this land, "the present house on the farm, which was built in 1764, \* \* \* and the spring which is quite a remarkable spring \* \* \*")

(Resumes the previous writer): "Pretty generally they are known as farmers. As a rule they were religious inclined, noted for generosity, nobleness of mind. There are quite a number of them ministers. S. S. Mohler, son of Uncle Samuel Mohler, was a very deep thinker. Some in the mercantile business. There is a J. K. Mohler in Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., manufacturing a radiator, an invention of his own, which is said to be fine.

"Our grandfather, or your great grandfather, was Jacob Mohler,

born in Lancaster County, Pa., A. D. 1771, June 30, died in 1833, Jan. 29, 61 years 6—29—and

"Our grandmother Mohler (wife of the above) was born A. D. 1782, May 2 (aged 64 yrs., 8 mo., 21 d), died 1847, Jan. 23.

"Notice this is your great grandfather and great grandmother. Her maiden name was Mary Bollinger. Her father's name was Rudolph Bollinger, born Sept. 12, 1748—lived in Juniata Co., Pa., about 8 or 10 miles rather west from Mifflintown.

"Our father, or your grandfather, Jacob Mohler, was born in Juniata Co., Pa., rather west from Mifflintown about 8 or 10 miles, on the 25th of Aug., 1802. Died in Mifflin Co., at Uncle William Howe's, about one mile from his native home, on the 7th of March, 1889, age 86 yrs. 6 months 12 days.

"Our mother (your grandmother Mohler) was born on the 16th of March, 1807. Died April 9, 1845, aged 38 yrs. and 24 d. Her maiden name was Sarah Rothrock.

"Now, My Dear Nephew, I know not how near I have met your desire, but if any further information is desired I will gladly be at your service.

"I certainly congratulate Frank for his masterly success. I do hope and trust that it ever will have a tendency to humiliate him rather than inflate his mind and heart in the spirit of exaltation. Tell Frank to write to me. Best wishes to your Mother, Laura, Will & Family, Frank & all of you. Remember me to John McClintic Mohler.

"UNCLE J. M. MOHLER."

6004—*Jacob Christian Mohler*, Secretary Kansas State Board of Agriculture; b Osborne Co., Kan., Apr. 7, 1875; educated public schools, Topeka, Kan., Dougherty's Business College and Washburn College, Topeka, (LL. D., Washburn, 1914); in office of Kansas State Board of Agriculture since 1893; began as clerk, appointed Assistant Secretary, 1901, elected Secretary to succeed F. D. Coburn, July 1, 1914. Chmn. Kan. Entomol. Commn. Pres. Capital Livestock Ins. Co., Director Central Trust Company, Sec. Kan. Council of Defense, Chmn. State Apportionment Com. U. S. Food Administration; Mem. State Advisory Com. U. S. Fuel Administration; Treas. Anti-Saloon League of Kan., Mem. Gamma Sigma Delta, Republican, Episcopalian, Mason; Clubs: Jayhawker, Topeka Country, Topeka Chamber of Commerce; Editor and Compiler reports Kansas State Bd. Agr.; Contbr. numerous articles on agricultural topics to farm papers and magazines. Home: 1224 Fillmore St. Address: State House, Topeka, Kansas. Who's Who, 1918-19.

*Hon. J. C. Mohler*, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Kansas, has earned for himself the distinction of being one of the greatest agricultural experts in America, and was discussed for appointment as the Nation's chief farmer in the Cabinet of President Harding in 1921. Born on the Kansas farm, entering the department at the age of 17, his whole life has been bound up with the agricultural development of the State of Kansas, where he is now so ably enlarging on the work begun by his illustrious father.

J. C. Mohler is a modest man of broad culture and untiring energy, as seen from a letter to a friend, of July 25, 1917:

"Your philosophy that there will be work to do when I am dead, and men to do it, too, is sound, and I am not at all backward about breaking away from the daily grind. At this time, however, we not only have the Board's work to conduct as usual, but in addition a large share of the work of the State Council of Defense (time of World War) is on our shoulders, and as this institution has no funds of any sort, we are practically carrying a double load; so the present time is not opportune for such excursions, so far as we are concerned."

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3005—*Susanna Mohler*, daughter of Henry Mohler, married Dr. Benedict Bucher (Mch 30, 1784; Penn. Archives, Vol. 6), had issue: 4001—*Lydia Bucher*; 4002—*Christian Bucher*; 4003—*Anna Bucher*; 4004—*Jacob Bucher*; 4005—*Susanna Bucher*; 4006—*Veronica Bucher*; 4007—*Rev. George Bucher*; 4008—*Samuel Bucher*; 4009—*Elizabeth Bucher*.

4004—*Jacob Bucher* had issue: 5001—*Christian Bucher*; 5002—*George Bucher*, who is still living.

Rev. Geo. Bucher, under date of Jan'y 30, 1921, writes in brief: "I am of the fifth generation of Ludwig. I am 77 years old. There are 17 preachers in Dunker churches named Mohler. \* \* \* I had correspondence with J. L. Mohler of Grottoes, Va. \* \* \* You will notice the 'lost John' ('John, Jr.' of Ephrata) was only lost to the Ephrata Mohlers."

Rev. Bucher has been a power in his generation—known best by his published "Discussion of the Pennsylvania 'Garb Law' in Relation to Teachers," published, 1908.

This ends my data on the line of Henry Mohler, whose descendants largely clung to the old Dunker faith and spent their lives around Ephrata, in Lancaster County, Pa.

#### DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE MOHLER

1—*Ludwig Mohler*

2—*George Mohler*, son of Ludwig, according to the J. L. Mohler tree, left three daughters.

The tree of Rev. Aaron Gibbel gives—3001—Mrs. Melinger, his daughter. There is no further data available on the line of *George*, which I have found. But I have not delved for it. It is likely that a study of the archives of Ohio and of Maryland would reveal the whereabouts of many of the Mohlers who have not been traced.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JACOB MOHLER

*Adam L. Mohler* worked his way up to the Presidency of the U. P. R. R., 1911-1914, and is a man of great executive ability, a citizen of Omaha, Nebr.

1—*Ludwig Mohler*; 2—*Jacob*; 3—*Jacob*; 4—*John*, married Rachel Zin; 5—*George*, married Elmira Rebecca Ruth. Issue: 6001—*George J. Mohler*; 6002—*Adam L. Mohler*, married Jennie Malissa Smith, with issue: 7001—*Ruth Malissa*; 7002—*Ann Marie*.





Hon. Martin Garber  
Iowa State Legislature from Clayton County, Senate 1880, House 1882

REV. LEVI GARBER, BISHOP OF MIDDLE RIVER  
DUNKER CHURCH,

Of Augusta County, Va., and his descendants in the  
line of his son *Martin*

Covering a Period before 1793 to 1915. Research begun, 1897.

This history of the Garber family was ascertained from investigation and Bible records in Augusta County, Va. The Garber family in America is very numerous and may have sprung from one head but I have never been able to secure records identifying the Levi Garber line with any Garber who may have come to America earlier.

"The great majority of the Germans in Augusta County drifted down from York and Lancaster Counties, Pa., and occupied the lands in the Lower Shenandoah Valley in Virginia."—*Hanna O. V. G.*, P. 38.

The family is either German or German Swiss, but probably Swiss. "The Germans had found that there was a land of peace on the other side of the Atlantic; and they knew by sad experience that their own country was a land of war."—*Hannah, O. V. G.*, P. 38. All the early Garbers were preachers and teachers in Tunker or German Baptist Churches, and the history of the Middle River Congregation in Augusta County, Va., is but the silent monument to the Levi Garber family, who furnished its preachers, teachers and many of its members down to the present time (1900).

The early Garbers were farmers during the week and preachers on Sunday. Almost every descendant of Levi Garber has been more or less endowed with the gift of oratory, and invariably they have been interested in the religious and political issues of their day and generation.

Wherever found they were engaged in some line of community work that reached out for public uplift. As a family they had sacred regard for honor in their dealings with their fellow men, always holding business honor above business gain. One of the characteristics of the family is its regard for individuality in business life. Many members of this family have held civil and political offices and they have exerted a marked influence on the development of the States of Virginia, Iowa, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

Peyton's History of Augusta Co., Va., published 1882. Page 89 says: "The Tunkers organized the Middle River Church in 1790, under the leadership of Bishop Miller. In 1800 it was found necessary to district the county and a Bishop or Elder, was appointed for each district. *Levi Garber* was appointed Bishop of Middle River church."



This clipping shows that Bishop Garber probably was one of the founders of the church. His wife was a Miller. He settled in Augusta County, Va., time not known, secured a tract of land near the church, and there reared a family of fifteen children. He undoubtedly was buried in the Middle River Churchyard, but as the wooden crosses at the graves have crumbled beyond reading the names painted on them, this cannot be verified. It could have been ascertained through the records of the Church had there been any, but the Dunkard Church never kept accurate records nor paid its preachers.

Levi Garber's old German Bible in the possession of his grandson, Christian Coffman, containing a page that was partly torn away, held intact the date of birth of the son that was the founder of this Garber line in Iowa, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. There is a tradition that the founder of this family sailed from Hamburg to America from a certain canton in Switzerland where live many Garbers.

Every Garber in Virginia was a property owner. But it has remained for the Oklahoma Garbers to secure vast fortunes through the development of oil fields. The Garbers in these Western States have been business men, professional men, mostly lawyers and merchants of some line, with a few bankers. They have lost their identity with the Dunkard Church and transferred their community activities to some line of politics in connection with their private business.

The Garbers of Virginia were never slave owners. They were plain folk dominated by sterling principles of justice, honesty, and the brotherhood of man. Their church tenets forbade their fighting in the army with guns but their voices rang with no uncertain sound in unison with Abraham Lincoln through all the dark days of the Civil War, in a part of Virginia where it was almost suicidal to proclaim the Union cause. For the most part the very fierceness of their denunciation of the principles of slavery from their pulpits and from public platforms proved their immunity from persecution, but occasionally some of them would be compelled to hide in the mountains or travel to West Virginia, Kentucky, or to the mountain regions of the Carolinas where they preached the gospel of freedom as they rode on horseback from congregation to congregation and helped direct the work of the "Underground Railroad" as it was called in that region.

One known as "Cousin Sam" was a powerful Dunkard preacher and "Union" organizer who held many notable debates throughout these States, and even in the State of Iowa. He has been credited with the discovering to the country of Andrew Johnson, second Vice-President with President Lincoln, and it was the grief of "Cousin Sam's" last years that Johnson turned out to be a "politician" instead of the "sterling Unionist" he was supposed to be. Sheridan's Raid of the Shenandoah Valley was one of the outcomes of their tireless efforts to "win the war for freedom" and the Middle River Dunkard Church community was not far from the line of Sheridan's Raid when he crossed the Middle Fork of the Shenandoah on his way to Staunton, and swept all the organized forces of the Confederate Army from the Valley.

Levi Garber not only preached to the Middle River Congregation but made horseback trips into Kentucky and Tennessee where he organized and carried on the church work. Levi Garber's wife's maiden name was Miller. The torn leaf in the ancient Bible contained the following record:

"Betsy Garber married Joseph Miller, had issue Barbara, married Bagoon.

"Lizzie Garber married Pence.

"Catharine Garber, second wife to Christian Coffman, Sr., b Oct., 1784, d Feb. 21, 1842.

"Anna Garber, wife of Christian Coffman, Jr., b Apr. 10, 1795, d Feb. 1, 1888, age 92 yrs., 9 mo., 21 da."

The torn page showed:

"Michael Garber,

"John Garber,

"Abraham Garber,

"Solomon Garber,

"Martin Garber, b Apr. 24, 1793."

Members of the family living in the locality supplied the names of Daniel Garber, who moved to Ohio; Barbara Garber, who married Leedy; Susan Garber, who married Lair or Lehr; Matty Garber, who married Arnold. And two could not be recalled.

The following is an accurate copy of the record kept in the original family Bible of Martin Garber, son of Levi Garber. This letter accompanied the copy of the record:

#### COPY OF ORIGINAL FAMILY RECORD OF MARTIN GARBER

*"Ponca, Nebr., May 8, 1897.*

"Cora Garber at school,

"Lincoln, Nebraska.

"My dear Niece:—

"Yours of no date is at hand. We are indeed glad to hear of your untiring efforts in securing a liberal education—this is commendable and right.

"I am aware it is not hardly in my place to answer this, but I will do so, at the request of your Aunt Polly, in a brief manner.

"J. S. Mohr has of late years taken some pains in collecting or rather commencing a family record both of the Garber and also of the Mohr families.

"Inclosed you will find a copy of the Garber side of the house as copied from his record. This is as far back as he has been able to truthfully trace the genealogy. This of course does not run very far back, but in a hundred years from now it may be of more interest than at the present time. It is indeed passing strange that someone has not taken up this subject years ago.

"This leaves us in reasonably good health for persons of our age, having now lived together over 51 years. The children here are all well.

"Our regards to your parents, and especially to Daniel, my namesake. May the Lord bless you and keep you even unto eternal life in a world to come.

"Your Aunt and Uncle,

"MARY GARBER MOHR and DANIEL MOHR.

"P. S. If you think this letter worthy, let it remain with your record."

This letter is of interest to both the Garber and Mohr families in Nebraska, and the Mohler family in America for the three families merged at this juncture.

*Martin Garber*, born April 28, 1793, according to this record, but according to the record left in the old Coffman German Bible which substantiates the origin of the family by so slight variation, April 24, 1793, in Augusta County, Old Virginia. His mother's maiden name was Miller, his father, Levi Garber, was a preacher in Kentucky. He was one of a family of 15 children and next to the youngest.

5005—*Magdaline Mohler*, his wife, was born January 23, 1801 (original Mohler Bible record in possession of Dr. Henry Mohler at Grottoes, Virginia, states December 23, 1801, which is the correct date, it being made by her parents).

Martin Garber moved with his wife, *Magdaline Mohler Garber*, from Virginia to Ohio, where most of their family were born. Both were active in the Dunkard Church. *Magdaline Mohler Garber* became a member of the National Council of the Dunkard Church, in that manner attaining a most extensive acquaintance through the church in America. *Martin Garber's* six brothers were all preachers or elders in the Dunkard Church while he remained a layman.

After his death in 1851, *Magdaline Mohler Garber*, together with all her children and their families, set out for a pioneer life in Iowa and located about the town of Elkport, Clayton County, Iowa, whither had gone two sisters, *Hannah Mohler Beddows* and *Ann Mohler Fitch*.



Dated 4/13/39

was then Governor of the State of Nebraska.

Upon her return to Iowa she made a portion of the journey in a stage coach driven by a drunken driver who managed to overturn

(5005)—*Magdaline Mohler Garber* lived to see her sons prosperous and honored. In 1875, *Catharine Garber*, wife of her son *Joseph*, made a trip to Iowa to visit *Mother Garber* and accompany her to Nebraska to visit her sons *Joseph*, *Abram*, *Samuel*, and *Gov. Silas Garber*, all located in Webster County, Nebr., except *Joseph*, at *Nelson*, Nuckolls County Clerk, '75-6. One of the happiest experiences of her life was when she stopped in Lincoln to visit her son, *Silas Garber*, who

the coach, breaking several of her ribs and causing other injuries from which she never recovered. Martin Garber died in Shelby County, Ohio, on August 31, 1851. Magdaline Mohler Garber died in Delaware County, Iowa, on December 8, 1876. They had issue as follows:

	<i>Children</i>	<i>Births</i>	<i>Deaths</i>
I.	John Garber.....	Jan. 4, 1818.....	Aug. 18, 1886
	Madaline Garber...	Nov. 4, 1819.....	July 1, 1823
II.	Samuel Garber.....	Dec. 11, 1821.....	Oct. 12, 1882
III.	Jacob Garber.....	Jan. 7, 1824	
	Martin Garber.....	Nov. 29, 1825.....	Jan. 27, 1826
IV.	Mary Garber.....	Dec. 21, 1826*	
V.	Martin Garber.....	Apr. 26, 1829.....	Oct. 24, 1903
VI.	Abram Garber.....	Apr. 24, 1831.....	Apr. 26, 1893
VII.	Silas Garber.....	Sep. 21, 1833.....	1905
VIII.	Joseph Garber.....	July 4, 1835.....	July 16, 1906
	Isaac Garber.....	May 28, 1838**	Sept. 3, 1863
IX.	Martha C. Garber..	Nov. 16, 1840...	
X.	Hannah E. Garber..	Feb. 1, 1845***	
	Benjamin Garber...	Feb. 1, 1845***	July 8, 1845

\* The Aunt Polly of the foregoing letter.

\*\* He served in the Union Army, died on furlough home.

\*\*\* Twins.

#### *Marriages*

John Garber and Mary Rife, June 18, 1839, Logan Co., Ohio.  
 Mary Garber and Daniel Mohr, Mar. 24, 1846, Logan Co., Ohio.  
 Samuel Garber and Mary Kertz, Mar. 8, 1851, Logan Co., Ohio.  
 Martin Garber and Lucy Rife, Dec. 4, 1856, Clayton County, Iowa.

Silas Garber and Roselle Dana, Mar. 25, 1857, Clayton County, Iowa.

Abram Garber and Hannah Jewell, Sept., 1860, Clayton County, Iowa.

Martha Garber and Marvin Dunning, Dec. 4, 1861, Clayton County, Iowa.

Joseph Garber and Catherine Schaeffer, Oct. 14, 1868, Grundy County, Iowa.

Hannah Garber and Ernest Hall, Sept., 1872, Dubuque, Iowa.

Jacob Garber and Julia Wheeler, Feb., 1868, Humboldt County, Cal.

Silas Garber and Lyra C. Wheeler of Grass Valley, Cal.

## FAMILIES DESCENDED FROM MARTIN AND MAGDALINE MOHLER GARBER

(Designations: 3—generation from *Bishop Levi Garber*; 6000—  
generation from *Ludwig Mohler*, and 1—family number.)

3—*John Garber*—6001—married *Mary C. Rife*. He was a merchant the greater part of his life at Elkport, Iowa, where he and his wife were buried. Years after his



Hon. John Garber  
Iowa State Legislature from  
Clayton County, House 1866

death the Iowa State Legislature changed the name of the town of East Elkport, where the Garbers reared their families, to "Garber, Iowa," in honor of the constructive work done by them in the political and business development of Iowa to the time of his death. Both John and Martin Garber were intimate lifelong friends of Senator Allison of Iowa and of many others of Iowa's leading men, where John Garber was a pioneer and a man of great influence for many years. John Garber had children as follows:

1.—*Martin L. Garber*, who married *Sarah M. Fitch*, the issue of which union was *Hosea, William, George, and Maude Garber*. All of them are living in Iowa. Martin took up land near Guide Rock, Webster Co., Nebr., in the early 70's.

2.—*John C. Garber*, known in the family as "Major", married *Elizabeth Livingstone*, leaving issue *Jessie Garber*.

3.—*Mary Virginia Garber*, married *August C. Tiede*. The issue of which marriage were: *Bertha V. Tiede, Josephine Tiede, Blanche Tiede and Clarence Tiede*.

4.—*Lucy A. Garber*, married *Jake R. Beddow*, no issue.

5.—*Olive Delphine Garber*, married *J. E. Jerome*, who was a prominent newspaper man in Iowa for many years. At the time this record was furnished by Mrs. Jerome, Mch. 9, 1915, the family lived at Coweta, Oklahoma. The issue of this marriage was:

5-1. *Mae E. Jerome*, who married *W. J. Stemmons*, had issue: *Olive Martha; John Garber; and Wilbur Fisk Stemmons*.

5-2. *Lucy Mildred Jerome* married *Earl G. Carhart*, had issue: *Earl G. Carhart, Jr.*

5-3. *Neva Raymond Jerome*, yet unmarried—Mch. 9, 1915.

6—*William H. Garber*, married Jennie Gilbert with issue: Raymond, Leslie, and Earle Garber.

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3—*Samuel Garber*—6002—married Mary Kerz, moved to Nebraska in the early 70's, where he became very popular and prosperous as a merchant, laying the foundation for a fortune which was soon dissipated after his untimely death, October 12, 1882. He and his wife, Mary, were buried in the cemetery at Red Cloud, Nebr. His children are scattered far. They were:

1—*Martin W. Garber*, who first married Mary L. Sabin, July 2, 1874, with issue: 1.—*Alice Garber*, born in November, 1875, married Lewis Ely at Guide Rock, Dec. 27, 1896, where they lived and prospered beyond their vision of youth. Their children are: Glen A. Ely, born Jan. 10, 1898; graduated from Uni. of Nebr.; was in student army; and as fraternity man took active part in social life of the University.

Helen J. Ely, b Apr. 14, 1903, graduated from Guide Rock High School, 1920, a successful teacher.

1-2—*George Garber*, b in Dec., 1876; 1-3—*Clara Garber*, b in Nov., 1884, married Orley Prather; 1-4—*Hazel Garber*, b 1890, married Howard Wiswell, d in Dec., 1918, leaving one child.

Some time after his wife's death Martin again married with issue: Charles Earl; Dorothy, and Mary Garber.

2—*John J. Garber*, son of Samuel Garber, was noted for his penmanship which adorns many of the records of the county. He was deputy county clerk, also county clerk of Webster County, 1917-18, where he died and was buried in Red Cloud cemetery in 1919.

3—*George Garber* was reared in Red Cloud, Nebr.

4—*Hannah Garber* married Luther Misch.

5—*Samuel Garber*, b in Grundy Co., Ia., Jan. 31, 1867, married Gertrude Brakefield, a very cultured woman, at Red Cloud, Nebr., Nov. 28, 1888. Their children are:

5-1—*Philip T. Garber*, printer by trade, b July 18, 1892, married Florence Habler in State of Wash., Sept. 28, 1915, with issue: Cyril George, b Jan. 29, 1917; Richard Johnson Garber, b June 15, 1919.

5-2—*Bernard S. Garber*, b Aug. 11, 1894, served five months in U. S. Camp in World War at Camp Fremont, Cal., as corporal drilling raw recruits. Now lives with parents at Nespelem, Wash.

5-3—*Victor B. Garber*, b Apr. 1, 1901, graduated at Almira, Wash. H. S. Above three children born at Red Cloud, Nebr.

5-4—*Mary Elizabeth Garber*, b Jan. 5, 1903.

5-5—*Howard C. Garber*, b Feb. 1, 1905.  
Two last born in Wash.

6—*Charles Garber*, son of Samuel, Sr., lives at Lebanon, Kas.; has a daughter, Vera, who is a very successful teacher.



7—*Celia Garber* married Thaddeus Saunders at Red Cloud, Nebr., has spent her life in Webster Co. Her children are: Bernice, married Stewart; Chancy, Lyle, and Dorris Saunders.

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3—*Jacob Garber* — 6003 — married Julia Wheeler in California, and later moved to Grangeville, Idaho, where he was postmaster a long term of years. He left no child.

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3—*Mary Garber* — 6004 — married Daniel Mohr in Logan County, Ohio. Later they moved to a farm near Manchester, Iowa, where their family was reared. Daniel Mohr was a cabinet maker by trade, a farmer and apiarist through many years.

His grandfather on the maternal side was Daniel Eschelman, who at his death was 70 years of age, his grandmother, Barbary Wisler Eschelman, was 71 years of age at her death; whose daughter Anna Eschelman married John Conrad Mohr, the parents of Daniel Mohr. Anna Eschelman Mohr was 76 years of age at her death and John Conrad Mohr was 86 years of age at his death.

Mary Garber Mohr was born in Rockingham Co., Va., moved with her parents in early childhood to Logan Co., O. Daniel and Mary Garber Mohr moved to Elkport, Clayton Co., Iowa, in 1852; to Delaware Co., Iowa, in 1865; and in March, 1895, to Ponca, Dixon Co., Nebr., and there celebrated their golden wedding anniversary surrounded by their children and grandchildren who had previously located at Ponca.



Mary Garber Mohr



Daniel Mohr

Daniel Mohr was born in Lancaster County, Pa., September 3, 1823, died October 25, 1902, and was buried at Ponca, Nebraska. Mary Garber Mohr died at Ponca, Nebraska, Jan'y 13, 1902, where she was buried.

Their children were:

1—*Mary Magdaline Mohr*, b Mch. 26, 1847, d October 24, 1906, at Eugene, Ore. She married Edward Ayers in the early part of 1870 and moved from Manchester, Iowa, to Beaver City, Nebr., and in 1885 to Santiam, Ore., where they lived many years. Her only living child is:

1-1—*Jesse C. Ayres*, b at Beaver City, Nebr., in 1885; graduated from the University of Oregon in the En-

gineering Department. He has been employed by the Government in many capacities, being one of the Interstate Commerce Commission Party that traveled over the Western railroads computing their physical valuation in 1918 and 1919. As a civil engineer he has done a wide range of developing, and constructive engineering in Oregon.

He married Georgia Margaret LaPorte. Their children are: *Edith Mary Ayers* b at Eugene, Oregon, April 4, 1911, and *Charles Edward Ayers*, b at Lebanon, Oregon, July 20, 1916.

2—*Martin Conrad Mohr*, b Mch. 17, 1849; married and moved to Florida.



Gail                      Dan                      Jean  
Isaac and Nancy Conner, 1900  
One of eight Nebraska women on National Suffrage Honor, Roll, 1882

3—*Nancy Catherine Mohr*, b Aug. 11, 1851, and *Isaac Conner* were married in Manchester, Iowa, Dec. 19, 1870.

They moved to Ponca, Nebr., where they reared their family and were among the pioneers who helped develop the state. The Conners kept a general merchandising store at Ponca, where Isaac Conner was Postmaster several years and Nancy gave of her time and abundant energy to the educational and social uplift of the town. Nancy Conner is one of eight on the Honor Roll in Nebraska for Woman's suffrage in the campaign of 1882. This memorial was signed by the National President, Carrie Chapman Catt, and is one of



her valued mementoes. She is now living in Omaha, where she and Isaac Conner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

3-1—*Estella Gail Conner*, b May 8, 1873, and educated in the Ponca schools; married W. P. Logan at Ponca, Nebr., Dec. 23, 1890, then in the bank with his father there. William P. Logan is now in the banking business at Akron, Col.

Their children are:

3-2—*Lois Gail Logan*, b Feb. 11, 1892, married A. C. Kennedy of Belgrade, Nebraska, June 19, 1917, and has one child, *Margaret Virginia Kennedy*, b May 17, 1918. (10th Mohler generation.)

3-1—*William Caryl Logan*, b Nov. 27, 1893, married Irene Gilmore May 31, 1920. They live at Akron, Colorado, where Mr. Logan is in the bank with his father.

3-2—*Martha Jean Conner*, b at Ponca, Nebr., Feb. 8, 1875, grew to womanhood and married William H. Myers at her home there, Mch. 29, 1894. Mr. Myers has been one of Nebraska's prominent educators, being at one time connected with the State Reformatory school system; at present Superintendent at Blair, Nebr. Their children are:

*Jeaneve Myers*, b Aug. 1, 1895; d Sept. 8, 1911; *Myron Conner Myers*, b Mch. 11, 1901; *Elizabeth Jean Myers*, b July 11, 1914.

3-3—*Daniel W. Conner*, b Dec. 1, 1879, and reared at Ponca, where he married Christena Russell, Dec. 7, 1904. They have a son, *Isaac Willoughby Conner*, b May 1, 1907.

4—*John Aster Mohr*, b Jan. 27, 1855, came to Nebraska, Sept. 1, 1881, married Margaret J. McKinley at Ponca, Nebr., Feb. 25, 1885, and has since been in the furniture and undertaking business at Ponca, Nebr., where he has shared bountifully in the abundant prosperity of this great state. John Mohr has ever been one of the leading men of his community in everything pertaining to the welfare of the locality and has reared a representative Nebraska family. His children are:

4-1—*Dean McKinley Mohr*, b at Ponca, Nov. 2, 1887, married May B. Elliott, Apr. 17, 1912, and resides at Coleridge, Nebr., where he has a thrifty furniture and undertaking establishment. His children are: *John (Jack) Mohr*, b Nov. 30, 1913; *Dean McKinley Mohr, Jr.*, b Apr. 11, 1918.

4-2—*Donald Oakley Mohr*, b Oct. 20, 1891, enlisted in the army Dec. 11, 1917, at Fort Crook, Nebr., as a private and was discharged Jan. 11, 1919, at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., as Q. M. Corporal. His present occupation is embalmer and funeral director. He married Selma T. Hangman, Aug. 1, 1919, and they have a daughter, *Donna Jane Mohr*, b July 27, 1920, at Sioux City, Iowa, where he is located in business.

4-3—*Nora Margaret Mohr*, b August 1, 1896, is now a teacher of Latin in the High School, at Wakefield, Nebr., 1921.

5—*Laura Annette Mohr*, daughter of Mary and Daniel Mohr, born at Elkport, Ia., Dec. 23, 1861; married Samuel James Penny, b July 17, 1860, at Manchester, Ia., Sept. 28, 1884; living child is: *Earl James Penny*, farmer and stockman, b at Greeley, Ia., Sept. 18, 1886, married Nellie Luella Durant, b Aug. 3, 1886, at Sargent, Nebr., Nov. 24, 1911.

Their children are: *Wayne Durant Penny*, b at Walworth, Nebr., Feb. 18, 1914; *Cecil James Penny*, b at Walworth, Nebr., Aug. 24, 1915; *Edna Mae Penny*, b Aug. 8, 1919, on the ranch near Sargent, Nebr. Laura Mohr Penny died near Manchester, Ia., Oct. 29, 1889.

6—*Martha Amy Mohr*, b near Manchester, Ia., Sept. 28, 1866; where she was educated, and was at one time a very efficient teacher of short-hand and typewriting; married Samuel Penny, farmer and stockman, at her home, Sept. 30, 1891, and they moved to Sargent, Nebr., in 1903.

She has been of great assistance in the education of her children, where she has seen to it that they have acquired everything that pertained to a well-rounded life on the ranch, where they have lived since March, 1903, and been very prosperous. Their children are:

6-1—*Marc A. Penny*, b at Greeley, Ia., Oct. 8, 1892, who is now a farmer and stockman, owner of "Sunset" Ranch, Walworth, Nebr. He married Eleanor Cail, b Nov. 28, 1895, at Taylor, Nebr., Mch. 20, 1920.

6-2 — *Laura Annetta Penny*, b at Greeley, Ia., Jan. 29, 1895; holds a teacher's life certificate in Nebraska. She specialized in art and is now a Fashion Illustrator in Chicago, Ill., where she shows marked ability in her chosen field.

6-3—*Marian Penny*, b at Emmetsburg, Ia., May 20, 1896, married John Perkins James, Nov. 6, 1920, who is a prosperous lawyer, now located at Des Moines, Ia.

6-4—*Lee Mohr Penny*, b at Emmetsburg, Ia., May 20, 1900, is now manager of "Valley View" Farms, near Sargent, Nebr.

6-5—*Ross Allan Penny*, b near Moulton, Ia., June 19, 1902, completed the first year in the Dental Department of



Louise Mohr Wasson

Creighton College, Omaha, Nebr., and has chosen dentistry as his life work.

7—*Louise Jerome Mohr*, b Dec. 19, 1859, near Manchester, Ia., married Arthur Smith Wasson, b Jan. 13, 1858, on May 20, 1879; settled at Ponca, Nebr., where Dr. Wasson became a very successful and popular dental practitioner. Their home now is in Sioux City, Ia. Mrs. Wasson is noted for her grace and beauty. Their children are:

7-1—*Charlotte L. Wasson*, b Dec. 23, 1880; married Douglas S. McMillan, July 6, 1904.

7-2—*Lawrence Arthur Wasson*, b Sept. 20, 1895. He enlisted June 4, 1917, in the 134th Ambulance Co., 109th Sanitary Train, 34th Division, serving two years in the L. A. W., Camp Dix, N. Y. He is a very capable young man.

This record, of the Mary Garber and Daniel Mohr family, was largely furnished by John A Mohr of Ponca, Nebr., Jan. 30, 1915, later corrected up to date.

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3—*Martin Garber*—6005—b in Augusta Co., Va.; d at Garber, Okla., Oct. 24, 1903.

In 1836 his parents moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he was educated.

In 1851, he moved to Clayton County, Iowa, where he was married to Lucy A. Rife on December 4, 1856. In 1861 he moved with his family to Humboldt County, California, sailing around Cape Horn. In 1868 he again moved to East Elkport, Iowa, where he lived until 1893, at which time he, together with his family, moved to Oklahoma and made the run for homesteads, where they located on claims in Garfield County and entered into the mercantile and banking business. The town of Garber, where he died, was named in his honor, Martin Garber was admitted to the bar in the State of Iowa in 1878, where he was elected District Judge; member of Iowa State Legislature; and Court Reporter. He was a personal friend of Senator Allison, whose friendship came near making him Governor of the State of Oklahoma when President Roosevelt removed Territorial Governor Jenkins from office. As merchant, banker, postmaster, and leader of all enterprises of Garber, he exerted much constructive influence on Garfield County's civic and political development which was bequeathed to his family as a priceless heritage.

His children are:

1—*Martha A. Garber*, b Aug. 21, 1851, at Elkport, Iowa; married Dr. O. D. Taft, Nov. 20, 1875 at Elkport; moved to Oklahoma in 1893; to Oregon in 1908; to Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1912 to educate their youngest sons, and back to Garber, Okla., in 1918. Their children are:

1-1—*Grace Taft*, b Oct. 9, 1876, at Elkport; married R. E. Trosper in June, 1905, at Garber, Okla.; moved to Ann Arbor, Mich. Their children are: *Lois*, b in Chicago, Feb. 7, 1907; *Martha*, b in Chicago, Aug. 31, 1909.

1-2—*Martin Taft*, b Sept. 12, 1879, at Elkport; married Minnie Kilgore of Hastings, Nebr., Sept. 19, 1907; was graduated from Oklahoma School of Pharmacy and runs a finely equipped drug store at Garber. He has one daughter, *Genevieve*, b at Garber, Okla., on Sept. 4, 1911.

1-3—*George Taft*, b Apr. 6, 1882, at Elkport; married Minnie Voight of Lawrence, Kan., in 1906; is vice-president of the Farmers State Bank at Garber, and a man of great business integrity. His children are: *Dorothy*, b at Garber Apr. 21, 1907; *William H.*, b at Garber, Sept. 5, 1908; and *Richard*, b at Ann Arbor, Mich., Mar., 1910.

1-4—*Donald Taft*, b at Elkport, Mch. 7, 1890; served in the World War and won distinguished service recognition, in France, lives in Garber, Okla.

1-5—*Harold Taft*, b at Garber, Okla., Jan. 7, 1894; enlisted in World War from Department of Engineering of Ann Arbor, Michigan University in 1918; won distinguished service recognition in France, now lives in Enid, Okla.

1-6—*Arthur Taft*, b at Garber, Dec. 25, 1900; enlisted from University of Ann Arbor in Navy, served in World War, lives at Garber, Okla.

2—*Estella V. Garber*, b in Humboldt County, Cali., Aug. 21, 1861; married J. E. Corlette of Elkader, Iowa, Feb. 23, 1886; moved to Seattle, Wash., in 1908, where he practices law. They have a daughter, *Ruth Charlotte*, b at Elkader, Iowa, in 1888.

She graduated at Washington State University. When the World War broke out she was studying in France and because of her dark complexion was shadowed and held for a Russian spy until the American Embassy intervened in her behalf and helped her to return to her parents.

3—*Judge Milton C. Garber*, b Nov. 30, 1867, in Humboldt County, Cali.; moved with his parents to Iowa, where he was reared and educated; is a graduate of Upper Iowa



M. C. GARBER  
Associate Justice of Supreme Court of  
Oklahoma, 1906



Lucy Bradley Garber

University and of the Law Department of Iowa State University. In 1893 he moved to Oklahoma; married Lucy M. Bradley of Moberly, Mo., Oct. 21, 1900. During the World War Mrs. Garber was an efficient member of the State Council of Defence and active in Red Cross work. She is a woman of great ability and charm, a home-maker, a student, and a wise and efficient mother.

In 1902 M. C. Garber was elected Probate Judge of Garfield County and re-elected in 1904. In 1906 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma and served in that capacity until Oklahoma became a state. In 1909 he was elected Judge of the 20th Judicial District of Oklahoma and in 1919 he was

elected Mayor of the City of Enid, Okla.

He, together with his brother Burton, who are jointly identified in all business enterprises, secured the first block of oil leases around Garber and sunk the first test well which proved the Garber Oil Field which poured millions of dollars into the laps of those who owned the lands and made these Garbers wealthy beyond their wildest dreams.

His Children are:

*Ruth W.*, b at Garber, Okla., on October 9, 1901;

*Martin D.*, b at Garber, Okla., on Mch. 25, 1903;

*Martha E.*, b at Garber, Okla., on Aug. 12, 1910;

*Milton B.*, b at Garber, Okla., on November 8, 1912.

These children are all very talented; are, by nature leaders, and are keenly alive to the responsibilities of life.

4—*Florence I. Garber*, b in Humboldt County Cali., May 15, 1865; lives at Garber, where she is in business with her two brothers; is the moving spirit in all Christian Church affairs, where she and her mother always strove to develop the best qualities and social graces of the young people of the



Ruth W. Garber



Martin D. Garber



Martha E. Garber



Milton B. Garber

town. Both were greatly loved for their kindness, and thoughtfulness of others.

5—*Mary E. Garber*, b at Elkport, Iowa, Oct. 24, 1869; married A. T. Edwards at Garber, Oct. 15, 1889; moved to Oklahoma City, later to Seattle, Wash. Their children are: *Pauline*, born at Garber, Dec. 4, 1900; *Esther*, b at Alva, Okla., Aug. 31, 1902; *Artha*, b at Alva, Jan. 14, 1903; and *Virginia*, b at Alva, June 6, 1905. Each of these children has marked ability in her special line.

6—*Burton A. Garber*, b at Elkport, Iowa, Aug. 7, 1872; married Vida Ratliff of Moberly, Mo., Apr. 24, 1907; graduated at Upper Iowa University; is engaged in the mercantile business at Garber, Okla., which business he continued successfully after his father's death, building up an extensive trade throughout the Eastern portion of the County. The credit extended to the farmers in that section by him and his father

during the hard times of the early settlement is appreciated by all, even to this day. He is a quiet man of great tact, business ability, discernment, and generosity.

In addition to the mercantile business he was elected president of the Farmers' State Bank in which position he has ever since continued. Under his administration the bank has grown from a capital of \$10,000.00 to \$75,000.00, the deposits reaching over a million dollars. During the World War B. A. Garber built a room especially for Red Cross work and



Lucy Rife Garber

much of his and Mrs. Garber's time was given over to Red Cross work. He also built a handsome, commodious parsonage for the Christian Church at Garber, as a memorial to his mother.

Through his initial efforts the acreage of the Garber Oil Field was leased. A contract was procured which resulted in the discovery of the first well, known as the "Hoy Well," a producer at the depth



of 1140 feet. This discovery led to the Sinclair Oil & Gas Company becoming interested and the investment of millions of dollars in the development of the present field. In 1918 he and his brother sold out a portion of their interests in the Garber Field to the Exchange Oil and Gas Company for several millions of dollars, placing each in the millionaire class, but with all his money and property, he is still "Bert" to all his neighbors and acquaintances.

Mrs. B. A. Garber is a woman of large sympathy and fine personality, who is eminently a home-maker, although she is also devoted to her church and social life. At Garber their home was the center of many pleasant social functions.

His children are: *Helen Garber*, b at Garber, Nov. 15, 1909; *George Burton Garber*, b at Garber, Oct. 16, 1912.

*Lucy Rife Garber*, the mother, died June 16, 1918, at Garber, where she was buried. The Garber Sentinel of June 20, 1918, pays this worthy tribute to her:

"Her practical common sense in all emergencies has always been proverbial and she was followed to her grave by more than a mile of automobiles filled with those who felt a direct personal loss in her passing."

The history of the Martin Garber family in Oklahoma was verified by Milton C. Garber as to authenticity in 1920.

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3—*Abram Garber*—6006—born in Ohio, died and was buried at Guide Rock, Nebr. April 26, 1893; was one of the earliest settlers at Guide Rock; became postmaster there in January, 1873, and served several years, and was also a prosperous merchant there. He organized the first school district in Webster Co., Nebr.

He was a member of the 3rd Missouri Regiment, Company "I," of the Union Army during the Civil War. He married Hannah Jewell, who also died and was buried at Guide Rock. Their children were:

1—*Ida Garber*, b June 30, 1861, married Andrew J. Hayes, Jan. 13, 1886, at Guide Rock; has one son, *Ernest*, b at Guide Rock, Sept. 12, 1891.

Ernest Hayes enlisted in the navy at the training station at Great Lake, Ill., in the World War and attended radio school at Cambridge, Mass. He is now, 1921, in the grain elevator business at Superior, Nebr. Ida Hayes was with the Garber party that came into Webster County, May 20, 1870, but because of the Indian scare in the Republican Valley, was left at Fairbury until her father could come back for her. She then lived in the family of her Uncle Joseph Garber until her mother came on to Guide Rock with the son Edwin to live in the new cabin, in 1870. Ida is a devoted member of the Baptist Church, was clerk of that church at Guide Rock for years, and now is clerk of the Baptist church at Superior, Nebr.

2—*Edwin S. Garber*, was reared at Guide Rock, had two children, a son, *Anson*, who died in his youth, and a daughter, *Ethel*, who married James D. Cather, son of Charles Cather, of Red Cloud, Nebr., July 20, 1914, and now has a daughter,



Helen Louise Cather. Edwin S. Garber, son of Abram Garber, is an honored citizen of Webster County, Nebr., where he was twice elected county clerk.

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Hon. Silas Garber, 1875  
Governor of Nebraska, 1875-1879

3—*Gov. Silas Garber*—6007—b in Logan County, Ohio; died and was buried at Red Cloud, Nebr., in 1905. He was elected the third and fourth Governor of Nebraska, 1875-79, upon the issue of a larger representation for Western Nebraska.

During his first term he was occupied with the revision of the state constitution, standing firmly for the broad principles of education which have resulted in the wonderful development of the University of Nebraska and its co-ordinate public school system, and for closer organization of western Nebraska to accord with his ideals for the future of the state.

He with Joseph and Addie Garber, Abram Garber, and three others settled at Guide Rock, Nebr., on May 20, 1870. There were but three men ahead of them, in the

first settlement of Webster Co., with the development of which his life was very closely linked.

He served one year in the 3rd Missouri Union Regiment during the Civil War, then organized Company D, 27th Iowa Inf., and was its Captain. He laid out the townsite of Red Cloud and named the town; was the first Probate Judge of Webster County; was in the 9th and 10th sessions of the State Legislature; was register of the U. S. Land Office at Lincoln, 1873-1874; was a farmer, merchant and banker at Red Cloud. On Mch. 25, 1857, he married Roselle Dana, niece of Chas. Dana, journalist, and a son, William S., was born in 1863, the mother dying. He married Lyra C. Wheeler on July 1, 1875, and they, together with Governor Garber's official staff, represented Nebraska at the Centennial of 1876 at Philadelphia, Pa., where they received many special honors.

1—*William Sewird Garber*, son of Gov. Silas Garber and Roselle Dana Garber, came to Guide Rock, Nebr., with his father's party May 20, 1870. He served the state a number of years as Secretary of the Nebraska State Board of Transportation; was a banker and business man at Red Cloud. He had three daughters—Gladys, Frances and Charlotte.

Nebraska State Journal, June 14, 1921, states: "Miss Gladys Dana Garber, of Los Angeles, was married to Hon. David E. Thompson, Los Angeles, former well known Nebraskan. Mrs. Thompson was born in Lincoln, and lived in Nebraska until some years ago, at Red Cloud. Her grandfather, Silas Garber, was the third Governor of Nebraska. Mr. Thompson was formerly ambassador to Mexico and Minister to Brazil, S. A."

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3—*Joseph Garber*—6008—b near Bellefontaine, Ohio; d at Red Cloud, Nebr., where he was buried; married Catharine Adeline Schaffer. They located at Guide Rock, Nebr., May 20, 1870.



Daniel                  Joseph                  Abe Garber  
Catharine and Joseph Garber, 1900  
Member of Nebraska Constitutional Convention, 1875

They were the first white family to locate in Webster County, and *Mrs. Garber* (quoted from the Webster County Argus, dated April 30, 1909,) "preferred to share all the dangers and hardships from the beginning with her husband and brothers-in-law. She had drawn a carbine from the State with the men, and she became the best shot of the party with the exception of Silas Garber. Mrs. Garber made her home in the emigrant wagon while the men erected the first stockade of the Republican Valley, and then united in building her a house on the homestead. Mrs. Catherine Garber was the first white woman to cross the county line; the first to engage in housekeeping and homemaking in the entire Republican Valley in the State of Nebraska; and perhaps the first homemaker in that part of the State west of Thayer County and south of the Platte Valley, except the few who had located themselves near the stations of the old overland route between the Missouri River and the mountains. To Mrs. Gar-

ber naturally fell the duty of welcoming the homeless and of ministering to the rest in their sickness and needs."

"In 1873 her husband proved up on his claim and took another across the line in Nuckolls County, where he was elected the first County Clerk, 1875; elected to represent the counties of Thayer and Nuckolls in the Constitutional Convention of 1875."

Mrs. Garber died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Tait, at Red Cloud on April 26, 1909, and was buried there.

With every phase of the development of Webster County, Nebr., Joseph and Catharine Garber, known to all old-timers alike as "Aunt Addie", were identified. They removed to Red Cloud in 1876 and from 1877 until 1905 lived on the farm one mile out, when they moved to town.

At the stockade Mrs. Garber gathered the children together and taught them, and throughout her whole life she ministered to the sick and needy, cooked for public "feeds" and was active in the W. R. C.

The two so impressed their personality upon the community that during their last years seats of honor were always reserved for them at all kinds of public gatherings, and they were ceremoniously escorted to the place of honor. No other woman in Webster County grew as close to the hearts and lives of the old-timers of the whole county as Mrs. Garber and no other man was so missed from G. A. R. Circles as Joseph Garber, who up to the day of his death helped the committee of the Interstate Reunion make that affair a success, a few days later.

Joseph Garber was appointed by William H. James, Secretary of State, May 1, 1871, the first Justice of the Peace of Webster County; was delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1875, where he and Silas worked together for a greater Nebraska; County Commissioner of Webster County; member of the Red Cloud school board; one of the directors of the early Webster County Fair Association; a G. A. R.; the local community speaker, and writer of the obituaries of the old-timers. His geniality and fairness developed with age and made him in demand in all public functions, whether Old Settlers' Reunion, Fourth of July picnic, Memorial Service, or whatnot. He was a member of Company "D," 27th Iowa Infantry in the Civil War.

To Joseph and Catherine Garber were born six children:

- 1—*Cora*, b Dec. 18, 1871, at Guide Rock, Nebr.
- 2—*Daniel Martin*, b Apr. 3, 1875, at Nelson, Nebr.
- 3—*E. Grace*, b July 11, 1877, at Red Cloud, Nebr.
- 4—*Lucy A.*, b Dec. 14, 1879, at Red Cloud, Nebr.
- 5—*Joseph S.*, b Mch. 10, 1881, at Red Cloud, Nebr.
- 6—*Lawrence A.*, b Apr. 4, 1885, at Red Cloud, Nebr.

1—*Cora A. Garber* was the second living white girl born in Webster County, Nebr. She was graduated from Red Cloud High School and from the University of Nebraska in 1902 with a B. A. and Professional Educational Degrees.

She taught; held the position of Assignment Clerk in the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, capitol building, Lincoln, Nebraska, for seven years from January 3, 1901, to January 1, 1908. She wrote and helped to carry the bill establishing the State Orthopedic Hospital and was active in carrying many legislative measures of constructive social benefit. She was a member of the Nebraska State Press Association and did much work through her pen in Nebraska during the years of 1901 to 1908. On April 26, 1909, she married Martin Vine Dunning at Santa Fe, N. Mex., and settled on a ranch near Santa Fe, where her pen did much through the New Mexican to aid constructive Woman's Club and educational system development during the early days of New Mexico Statehood. In 1918-1919 she was President of Fairview Auxiliary Red Cross, and chairman of Fairview Bond Drives and assisted in the success of the Mother-Daughter Congress of the Food Administration at Albuquerque the last week in June, 1918, as her "bit" for humanity during the World War.

2—*Daniel M. Garber* finished Red Cloud high School '93, and attended the Nebraska State University.

Was Secretary of Congressman Norris's Congressional Committee during its existence; was elected alternate delegate to and attended the Progressive National Convention at Chicago where "Teddy" did not win; was a four-minute speaker during the World War; is active in the Farmers' Union, having been a delegate to their state convention in 1921; is a public speaker.

He married Ruth Inez McCracken, Dec. 12, 1915, and now lives on the home farm near Red Cloud; their children are:

2-1—*Catherine Frances Garber*, b Jan. 31, 1917.

2-2—*Ruth Inez Garber*, b July 7, 1918.

Mrs. Garber is the daughter of Joseph McCracken, an old settler of Nebraska, living near Riverton. She is a member of, and active worker in, the Congregational Church and of Delphian Literary Society, at Red Cloud.

3—*Ethel Grace Garber* finished Red Cloud High School, was kindergarten teacher; on Oct. 12, 1901, married Laroy E. Tait of Red Cloud. The Tait's owned and edited the Webster County Argus about twelve years, thru which medium they exerted a remarkably strong influence upon the business, social and educational development of Webster county.



Catherine Garber  
Ruth Inez Garber  
Mrs. D. M. Garber

Chapter "Y," P. E. O., was organized at her home at Red Cloud in 1910, with Mrs. Tait, President; later she helped organize Chapter "BR," P. E. O., at Lincoln; was elected its second president, being always very active in P. E. O.



Lyra, Pauline, Kathryn, Cora Frances and father, L. E. Tait, taken in Colorado in 1919

They moved to Lincoln, Nebr., to give their children the broadest education possible. Here the family is identified with Plymouth Congregational church, where Mrs. Tait is very active, being in 1920-21, president of "The Women of Plymouth".

L. E. Tait, oldest son of Joseph Tait, who came from Scotland, died and was buried at Anderson, Indiana, Aug. 7, 1912, is a man of business ability as a state automobile distributor: Their children are:

3-1—*Kathryn Tait*, b Nov. 22, 1902, at Red Cloud, Nebr.

She finished the Lincoln High School, 1919, where she was the first student given a certificate for penmanship; completed the sophomore year in the Nebraska State University and received her Professional Certificate in kindergarten work, 1921; is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and Camp Fire Girl counselor. Has made a trip in an airplane and "looped-the-loop" in the air.

3-2—*Pauline Tait*, b Sept. 22, 1904, in High School excels in committee work. She and her sister, Cora Frances, are in the 11th grade. All four are musical.

3-3—*Cora Frances Tait*, b Nov. 6, 1905; excels in athletics.



Lucy Garber Myers and son Harry Garber Myers  
At right, Grace Garber Tait, 1898

3-4—*Lyra Grace Tait*, b April 6, 1907; completed 8th grade, 1921, and was one of eight in a class of fifty-six to be placed on the efficiency roll; was elected class president.

4—*Lucy Ann Garber* finished the Red Cloud H. S.; taught; married Dr. Thaddeus B. Myers, May 20, 1901, to whom was born in 1903 a son, Harry Garber Myers. Lucy Garber Myers died September 25, 1918, and was buried at Red Cloud, Nebr.

5—*Joseph Schaeffer Garber* completed the Red Cloud High School and settled at Kellogg, Idaho, where he married, 1912, and is in business. He has no issue.

6—*Lawrence Abe Garber*, youngest child of Joseph Garber, is a cattle ranchman near Wheatland, Wyo. He is unmarried, is fond of reading, and is very popular because of his thoughtfulness for others.

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The following sketch throws a vivid sidelight upon the reason why America received so many immigrants of the better class from Germany from the days of Wm. Penn on down. This recital but represents the lives of the Palatinates, known to history as ten generations of sturdy old world farmers, driven to abandon lands and homes and flee to America for their lives during the days of the Reformation. That was the only way they could escape from the militarism, tyranny and bloodshed of unlimited monarchy.

The terrible crimes of the Hohenzollerns during the recent World War were the same kind of crimes that have torn German civilization since the 10th century. They were the crimes that devastated whole provinces during the days of the Reformation. They are but the foreshadowing of the crimes the crafty deposed—though still unconquered—German rulers are planning to again project upon a helpless world. World dominance and Hohenzollern madness are one; and the form it took in 1854 was the struggle for supremacy of aggressive Prussia over the Kingdom of Bavaria.

Mrs. Joseph Garber was Catherine Schaeffer, born in the village of Ferbach, New Bavaria, Germany. Her parents were Joseph Schaeffer born, Rhein Bayer in 1801, died February 11, 1854, and was buried there. He owned a landed estate of 57 acres, dwelt in his three-story stone mansion and was a money lender. His wife was Anna Maria Meyer, born Aug. 5, 1805, Rhein Bayer and died April, 1879. Their children were: Joseph Schaeffer, b Aug. 26, 1831; almost completed university course of Piermecenz, Bavaria; was organist at Cathedral during student days; had his own piano and music room in his father's home. Joseph quarreled with the university authorities on the question of state authority just before his graduation, then emigrated to America, the ideal home of freedom. When war broke out that would have swallowed all his brothers, he returned to his mother, in Bavaria, bribed the French authorities to help him across the border, loaded the family into two covered wagons in the night and slipped away from the officer and seven German private soldiers quartered upon their household, arrived safely in France, with French assistance, and sailed from port of Havre de Grace after a wait of two weeks for the sailing boat that was to bear them to "freedom from military service," and they all landed at Castle Garden, 1854, after a trip of 30 days on water.



Their land and property was confiscated by the German government.  
The family settled in Minnesota.

Mary Ann Schaeffer, b Jan. 18, 1833;

Frank Schaeffer, b Aug. 7, 1834;

Andrew Schaeffer, b Oct. 30, 1838.

Catherine Adeline Schaeffer, b May 8, 1842, educated in Aunt Catherine's Private Knitting School for Girls, at Piermecenz, New Bavaria, and later at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa.

Caroline Schaeffer, b June 28, 1843;

Hermann Schaeffer, b Nov. 30, 1845.

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Roselle Seely  
Emma Seely  
George Seely

Roselle Dunning  
Martha Dunning  
Marvin Dunning

3—*Martha Catherine Garber*—6009—b Dec. 4, 1861, was married to Marvin Vine Dunning at Elkport, Iowa, at the home of her mother, by her Uncle John Garber, J. P.

Martha Dunning was always an expert cook and her family dinners were famous.

Marvin Dunning was born near Sandusky, Ohio, on February 10, 1837, died near Manchester, Iowa, February 22, 1919, and was buried

at Masonville, near where he and his family lived on a farm for forty years.

The Manchester, Iowa, Press says:

"Delaware County has lost another of the pioneer men who came here when it was in its infancy and helped mould its affairs. He was long a resident of Coffin Grove township, a substantial citizen, lending assistance to every worthy cause and his neighbors always found him a friend in time of sickness or trouble."

Their children are:

1—*Emma Dunning*, b Oct. 15, 1862, near Hardin, Iowa; married George Seeley at her home near Masonville, Iowa, Mch. 8, 1882.

All his life George Seeley has been connected with public institutional work and the past many years has been an indispensable employee at the Penitentiary at Anamosa, Iowa, being head farmer. Their daughter *Roselle Fern Seeley*, born January 2, 1889, completed High School at Belle Plains, Ia.; taught three years in the Enid, Okla., school; completed the course of study at the Michael-Reece Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, June 7, 1917, then was employed there as Night Supervisor of the Maternity ward until January 1, 1921. She has traveled much, being in Cuba at present.

Emma Seeley also is a famous cook and serves "big dinners."

2—*Lyra Roselle Dunning*, b near Manchester, Iowa, Nov. 26, 1869, did her life work in Oklahoma. She graduated from the nurse's training school at Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1901.

Rose Dunning moved with her parents to Garber, Oklahoma, in 1901, where she did private duty nursing with marked success for seven years. In 1908 she was elected Superintendent of the El Reno Hospital and Training School for Nurses, which position she filled with so much tact and executive ability that she became generally known as one of the foremost executive nurses in Oklahoma. Always of very frail health, she was compelled to rest for a period, renewing her vitality in the balmy air and vitalizing sunshine of the Estancia Valley of New Mexico, where she lived fourteen months on a home-  
stead.

In 1910, so insistent became the calls of the doctors of Enid to her to come there and start a general practice hospital for them that, with many misgivings, she accepted the call, went from New Mexico to Enid, and began the work. With only the good will of the general practitioner doctors, her two hands, and a small rented house, she set to work. In the spring of 1913 this hospital moved into a new 20-room house, and in 1916 decided to build its own house to grow in, so Miss Dunning supervised the building of a fine, fireproof, modern brick hospital building with a capacity of twenty-five beds, complete in every detail; and again, in 1919, built an addition with a capacity equal to the original, thus making the General Hospital at Enid, Okla., one of the finest equipped and most modern and efficient institutions of its kind in the Southwest. Few women have ever accomplished so stupendous a task and grown into the hearts of as many people as has Rose Dunning. From bare hands and good will to this magnificent realization of dreams not even dreamed in 1910, the institution represented by this cut of the Enid General Hospital is a marvelous accomplishment for one very frail, slender, little woman.





Cora Garber and Martin V. Dunning

3—*Martin Vine Dunning*, b Feb. 19, 1872, near Masonville, Iowa; married Cora Garber on Apr. 26, 1909, and lives on a ranch near Stanley, New Mexico, where he has been a successful business man and is an honored member of the community. He is noted for his business integrity, his broad sympathy, and his good judgment. There are no children.

4—*Ernest George Dunning*, b near Masonville, Iowa, Apr. 22, 1880; married Frances Black at Garber, Okla., Sept. 9, 1903; is now a prosperous farmer living near Manchester, Ia.

Their son, *Marvin Lucien Dunning*, b near Garber, Okla., Sept. 2, 1904, is now in Manchester High School. He is an expert amateur machinist, and a promising lad. This family is noted for their fine hospitality.

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E. G., Marvin Lucien, and Frances Black Dunning

3—*Hannah Garber*—6010—married Ernest Hall and lived her life at Correctionville, Ia.; had two children, Minnie and Bert Hall.

This brief history of the Mohler-Garber family is simply the record of a typical American family whose members, though intensely human, have ever been promoters of the best educational, social, business, community, and spiritual development of our great Nation through nine generations of representative American citizens, impelled by high ideals, a quick conscience, and a strong sense of personal responsibility.

And now, in conclusion, I wish to impress upon each individual of each succeeding generation, this obligation: "Live up to the best that is in you—for the glory of God—for the broadening of your own mental outlook on life—for the welfare of your fellow man—and for the preservation of our beloved United States of America."

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